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Thumbs-up

College President Julio Leon appears to give his thumbs-up Friday during an address to local media announcing a \$210,000 scholarship fund targeted for minorities and the disadvantaged. Behind Leon is John Q. Hammons, who donated the motel tax revenue from his Joplin Holiday Inn.

Hammons stamps his name on funds

Southern, Joplin R-8 establish scholarships

A scholarship fund of \$210,000 has been established to give minorities and the disadvantaged more access to higher education.

The fund, which bears the name of Springfield business mogul John Q. Hammons, contains money generated by an invalidated motel tax. Though determined invalid by the Missouri Supreme Court in 1983, Missouri Southern still gained \$333,914 (62 percent) of the total amount collected from the tax. Hammons named the College to receive the tax money generated by Joplin's Holiday Inn, which he owns, because he believed there was a "void in the community for this kind of assistance."

Announcement of the fund came Friday, just before a meeting of the College's Board of Regents.

"The scholarships will help these students exercise an opportunity they might not otherwise have," Hammons said. "It is an incentive. When you offer financial assistance to people, they will take advantage of it."

In collaboration with the Joplin R-8 school district, the College this spring will begin identifying groups of minority or

disadvantaged students in the fourth or fifth grades. College President Julio Leon said cooperative programs will be developed to help and encourage them to stay in school and succeed. When the students successfully complete high school, a scholarship will await them at Southern.

"There is a need for minorities and disadvantaged students to attend college," Leon said. "We need to do all we can to improve access for those types of students, and this will be a good start."

"We are grateful to Mr. Hammons for being an important part of this program. It has the potential to address one of our most serious issues—preventing school dropouts and ensuring students' success."

Leon said he and Dr. Jack Israel, R-8 superintendent, have wanted to start such a program for some time.

"It's a wonderful opportunity to help 'at risk' students get back on track and succeed," said Israel. "This program is another in a series of cooperative programs between the school district and the College to benefit our children. It makes sense to bring the resources of both to bear on the same problem."

Leon travels to Capitol for plea to lawmakers

BY JIMMY L. SEXTON
MANAGING EDITOR

College President Julio Leon and Dr. John Tiede traveled to the State Capitol Monday to testify before the House budget committee concerning Southern's capital improvement and maintenance and repair needs.

The College's top priority was obtaining \$88,200 for the replacement of 42 sets of exterior doors and closers at 11 different buildings on the campus. The \$88,200 is the only capital improvement and maintenance recommendation made by Gov. John Ashcroft for Southern for fiscal year 1991.

"The reason we need to replace these doors is that the main part of our campus is already 22 years old, and most of the buildings have never had the exterior doors replaced," said Leon. "We are currently experiencing numerous problems of doors not closing properly, which results in a loss of energy and also causes security problems."

Leon also spoke of a need for \$286,299 for exterior painting, cooling system repairs, and handicap modifications. Southern already has been appropriated \$83,100 for assistance on the handicap plans.

According to Leon, \$153,834 for the remodeling and renovation of the Spiva Library was the second priority for Southern. The College previously was awarded \$135,000 for the project.

"The library we have is already small for the size of campus we have," Leon testified. "The reason we need this funding is because we have other programs, such as the Learning Center, already located in the library, and we are running out of space for additions."

Southern also seeks \$10,475 for the remodeling of a computer laboratory, and \$551,250 for science laboratory remodeling.

While before the committee, Leon made the plea for the necessity of continuing the funding for the new communications/social sciences building at a cost of \$6.8 million. To date, the state has provided \$450,000 for planning and groundwork.

Student Senate to lobby legislators

Meetings with representatives Surface and Elliott are planned for Monday

The Student Senate will make its annual trip to the State Capitol Monday to lobby for additional funding for Missouri Southern.

According to Doug Carnahan, Senate adviser, the trip will cost approximately \$3,000.

According to Sara Woods, Senate president, students will meet with legislators to relay the concerns they have for Missouri Southern.

"There's most likely going to be a raise in tuition here, so of course we're concerned that Southern receive more appropriations," said Woods. "We would also like to see the communications/social sciences building go up as soon as possible." However, Woods believes less funds are

available this year.

"It's a tight situation with other colleges and universities across the country," she said. "But Missouri Southern is feeling the pinch because allocations are not keeping up with the College's growth rate."

More than 30 senators will make the trip.

"We are anticipating a good turnout," Carnahan said. "We're excited about that."

Members of the Student Senate will be unable to meet with Sen. Richard Webster (R-Carthage) as originally planned. Webster will enter Boone Hospital Center in Columbia Tuesday to prepare for double-bypass heart surgery. The Senate still has plans to meet with representatives Chuck

Surface (R-Joplin) and Mark Elliott (R-Webb City) Monday afternoon. College President Julio Leon and other administrators will join them Tuesday.

Students will have the opportunity Monday to observe committee meetings and hearings. Members of Webster's staff will help select meetings for students to attend.

The Senate will host a luncheon for area legislators from noon to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Woods said she expects to see numerous legislators during the trip.

"I think we'll have a good showing. The legislators like to see students at the Capitol supporting their institutions."

Faculty Senate kills motion to re-evaluate Bartlett honor

Efforts to re-evaluate the criteria of the Spencer Bartlett Respect Award met stiff opposition at Monday's meeting of the Faculty Senate.

A proposal under new business by the communications department, relayed by Dr. Vernon Peterson to the Senate, recommended that "criteria be evaluated to insure a broader ethical basis."

"We feel there are some ethical problems," said Peterson, speaking for the department. "We like the fact that students can get money, but do we want to be involved in something that is not as ethical as we would like it to be?"

"There is something just not right about the criteria for receiving this award."

Criteria set by the Bartlett estate denote "The recipients of this award shall be graduating senior students of the institution who have the greatest respect for God, the United States of America, and their fellow man, were born in the United States of America, and have maintained average grades or better while students."

The Bartlett Award, which goes to two males and two females each year, carries cash prizes from \$250 to \$400. The awards are presented at the honors convocation in May.

Dr. William Kumbier, a senator from the English department, spoke in support of the proposal brought forth by Peterson.

"The Ku Klux Klan could give a scholarship if they wanted, but doesn't mean

the College should be involved in deciding who should get the Ku Klux Klan award," Kumbier said.

Jim Gilbert, director of financial aid, spoke against the measure, saying the elimination of the award "would be cutting our own throats." Sallie Beard, women's athletic director, said the elimination would be "cutting off our nose to spite our face."

The Senate voted 18-4 against the proposal to re-evaluate the criteria.

In the Feb. 1 edition of *The Chart*, a column by executive editor Stephen Moore charged the College with discrimination, claiming a student had to subscribe to the Protestant religion to be eligible for the award. Dr. Glenn Dolence, vice president for student services, said he may have misspoken when he told Moore of the Protestant requirement.

"I may have mistakenly told him that a student had to be a Protestant," Dolence said, "but that is not a requirement."

Dolence said there was at least one patron's scholarship requiring an applicant to be a Protestant, but would not give the name or donor of that scholarship.

In addition to concerns about the subjective judgment of an applicant's respect for God and country, questions also have been raised as to why a student must have been born in the U.S. Despite this, Dolence refused to distance himself or the College from the award.

Inspection prompts closure of Barn

Inspection of the Barn Theatre by Joplin fire officials has resulted in temporary closure of the building.

The inspection came after Bill Boyer, chief of campus security, voiced concerns that the building contained fire hazards. Headed by Joplin fire safety inspector E.W. Goddard, a Feb. 13 inspection uncovered at least 14 hazards, including the lack of a sprinkler system and a manual fire alarm system.

Dr. John Tiede, vice president for business affairs, said all the repairs to the Barn Theatre, except for one, would cost the College approximately \$88,000. The other repair, which could double that figure, involves conforming the Barn to a three-hour fire resistant rating.

The building, closed for occupancy last Friday, will be used for storage in the meantime. As a result, the Campus Activities Board and the theatre department have had to find alternate venues for their events.

"We have had to do some shuffling," said Val Carlisle, coordinator of student activities. "We've moved our movies into the Lions' Den. Currently, we are trying to put *Rainman* in Matthews Hall, but it's not certain yet."

The theatre department, which produces student-directed, one-act plays in the Barn, has had to reschedule those productions and move them to Taylor Auditorium. According to Dr. Jay Fields,



Barn Theatre

director of theatre, the department has already begun work on scheduling next year's productions for Taylor Auditorium that would normally show at the Barn.

"If you have a problem such as this one," Fields said, "you solve it, and you solve it creatively. We'll roll with the punches."

Another set of events affected by the Barn's closure is an upcoming Arts Festival. The festival was going to utilize the Barn, but now looks to Taylor Auditorium as well.

"We had a lot of things scheduled. But we have solved all the problems through rescheduling and reshuffling," Fields said.

The Barn, built in 1927 as a grooming center for prize herefords, was part of the Mission Hills Farm. Members of the theatre department renovated the facility in time for the College's move to the farm in 1967. Nineteen full-length plays were produced in the 144-seat Barn Theatre until Taylor Auditorium opened in 1976.

Mazzocchi, Gossett near graduation after tragedy

Coach to spend 3 days with Brown in Phoenix

BY ANASTASIA UMLAND
SPORTS EDITOR

After months of recovery, two of the three Missouri Southern football players injured in an Oct. 29 car accident have returned to the College.

The accident, which occurred on I-44 between Tulsa and Joplin, claimed the life of freshman Blake Riley.

"I feel real good to be back," said Jim Mazzocchi, senior defensive lineman.

Mazzocchi was in the hospital for two weeks following the accident. He said he was pleased with the support of the College and the community during that time.

"Missing so much school slowed my graduation plans," he said. "I planned to graduate last semester, but I still need to complete 12 hours."

Weight lifting and other physical activities have helped Mazzocchi regain his strength. He suffered a fractured jaw and compound fracture to his left wrist.

"I've been working on stretching my wrist, trying to get it back to normal," Mazzocchi said.

Senior offensive tackle David Gossett has returned to make up the two incomplete grades he earned last semester. He planned to graduate in December 1989, but was forced to return after missing nearly two months of classes.

"I am really glad to be back in school," he said. "I was going nuts at home."

Gossett is still on crutches following a shattered hip and broken ribs. His doctors are pleased with his progress and anticipate his mobility very soon.

Senior quarterback Alan Brown is still hospitalized in Phoenix. He said he feels

"pretty good" and is getting tired of the "same old thing."

"This place is the pits," Brown said. "I work out in therapy three to four hours a day. I do exercises that help my talking and walking."

Brown said he does not expect to be released from the hospital for at least five weeks. He said he is hoping to return to Southern in the fall and finish his last semester.

"I really miss everyone at school," he said. "I miss Joplin, I miss all of my friends. I am really looking forward to seeing my friends again."

Jon Lantz, head football coach, is planning a three-day visit with Brown in Phoenix beginning March 1. Lantz said there is a possibility he will be released March 3.

"The doctors still do not know what is on tap," Lantz said. "But I believe Alan will be home soon. Alan is a victor, and it helps everything he does."

Lantz said Brown still has trouble remembering what has happened, but said he is anticipating a return to Southern as a student assistant football coach.

"The healing that has gone on with all three players has been nothing short of miraculous," he said. "They are all doing much better than their doctors expected, especially at this time."

Lantz believes one of the most encouraging aspects of the tragedy is the support the players, their families, the coaches, and the football team have received from the College and the community.

Said Lantz, "There were literally over 100 people praying for the players. That kind of faith helped the guys recover."



STAFF PHOTO BY CHRIS COX

Welcome back

David Gossett, who was injured in an Oct. 29 automobile accident, returned to Southern in January.

Woods gets fellowship to UT-Austin

Student Senate President Sara Woods has received a fellowship to the University of Texas.

The fellowship, worth \$6,000 the first year, will cover tuition and nine months' living expenses. The second year of the fellowship will provide Woods \$3,000.

Woods also was a candidate for a \$9,500 fellowship from the University of Kansas, but she chose UT-Austin partly because of the success of its internship program.

"They have such a good establishment of internships," Woods said. "That was one of the main things I was looking for."

Woods also chose UT-Austin over KU because of the difference in programs.

"KU has a really great program, but it is more directed at city and local government, which wasn't what I wanted."

According to Woods, UT-Austin offers a wide variety of internships, including some that could take her overseas.

Woods had made several prior trips to the university to observe classes and participate in interviews. All students applying for fellowships were required to submit a three- to four-page essay.

Woods plans to do a paid internship at the university in the summer of 1991. She will seek a master's degree through the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Administration.

Woods, a senior communications major at Southern, says one of the things she liked most about UT was the atmosphere.

"That particular school has approximately 200 students," she said. "There seems to be kind of a close-knit atmosphere. I like the close student-faculty relationship on a small campus while having the advantages of a large university."

Senate hears report on funding for library

BY STEPHEN MOORE
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Discussion at Monday's Faculty Senate meeting centered around a report from the library committee and a proposal by the communications department to re-evaluate the criteria for the Spencer Bartlett Respect Award.

The library report, presented by Virginia Laas, instructor of social sciences, included a plan for a survey of patrons and students.

A two-page questionnaire, to be circulated to library users, concerns the library's services, the collection of materials, and

the physical building. The second part of the library committee report concerned funding.

According to Laas, the education department has expressed concern that it does not receive sufficient allocations from the library to pass NCATE accreditation.

Laas said a permanent boost in funding is needed to satisfy the NCATE board.

"NCATE will not take a one-time shot of money," she said. "They are looking for continuing support of the department."

The library committee is studying formulas to reallocate funds among the departments on campus. However, Laas said an increase in overall funding is needed.

"The bottom line is that the library simply needs more money," she said.

According to Dr. Betty Cagle, assistant professor of education, students are having to go off campus to do needed course work.

"We've been hearing more and more about students going to SMSU, PSU, and Arkansas to do their research," she said.

"They absolutely cannot do the research they need to do."

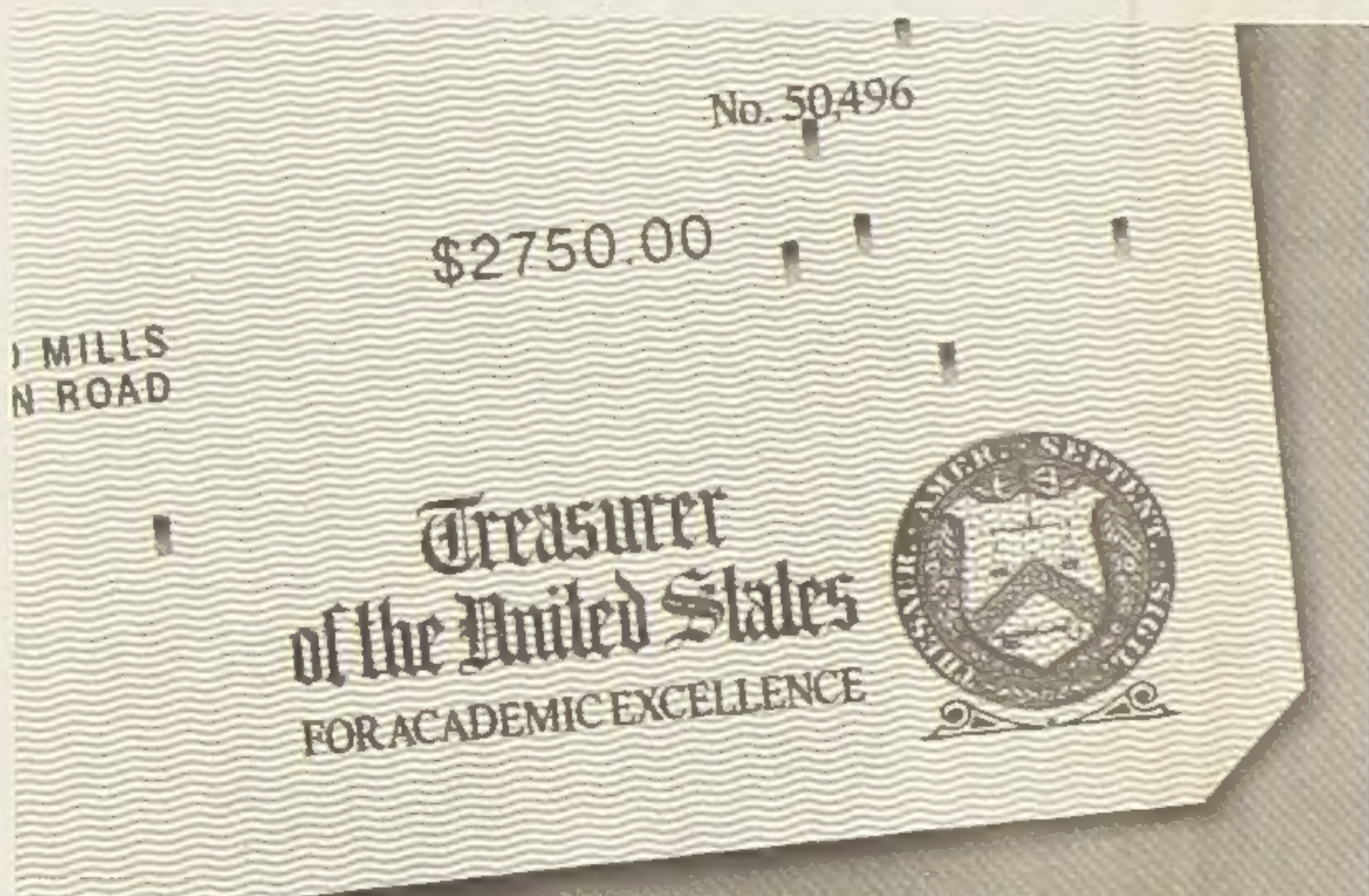
Another concern the Senate addressed was a request from the communications department to reconsider the criteria for the Spencer Bartlett Respect award. [See related story, page 1.]

Dr. Vernon Peterson, representing the communications department, also presented a proposal to re-evaluate the parking situation concerning reserved spaces on campus. This motion failed by a 13-9 vote.

A proposal read by Annetta St. Clair, associate professor of political science, provided that all "substantive issues" before the Senate be decided by secret ballot. This issue passed 17-5.

Senators at the meeting paused for a moment of silence in honor of Dr. Gerald Elick, who died Monday morning. Elick retired from the biology department in 1988.

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Southern nurses lobby at Capitol

BY JIMMY L. SEXTON
MANAGING EDITOR

Four nurses from Missouri Southern took part Tuesday in the 1990 Nurse Lobby Day at the State Capitol in talk with area legislators about various health and medical concerns in the state.

Karen Buehner and Treva Myers, senior nursing majors, presented lawmakers with letters of support written by Missouri Southern nursing students and faculty. The letters dealt with pending legislation that would have direct impact on nurses.

Evalina Shippee, assistant professor of nursing and sponsor of the Student Nurses Association, and Sandy Williams, a 1989 Southern graduate and registered nurse, also attended the annual event sponsored by the Missouri Nurses Association.

"We really just wanted to go up there to present our views about different issues in the nursing field," said Shippee. "This is our time to lobby for the issues we're concerned about and to discuss them with our area representatives and senators."

Though the nurses were unable to visit with all of their pre-selected lawmakers, they did get to speak with Sen. Richard Webster (R-Carthage), Sen. Dennis Smith

(R-Springfield), Sen. Emory Melton (R-Cassville), Rep. Mark Elliott (R-Webb City), Rep. Chuck Surface (R-Joplin), Rep. Gary Burton (R-Joplin), Rep. Earle Staponski (R-Pierce City), and Rep. Galen Browning (R-Neosho).

"We spoke with more people than we thought we would," Buehner said. "They received us real well and seemed interested in what we had to say. It was a nice trip, and I'm glad we got to voice our concerns."

Topping the list of concerns was the Professional and Student Nurse Loan and Loan Repayment Program (House Bill No. 1429) and a bill currently in the Senate that would require insurance companies to provide coverage for mammography screenings for women 35 years old and above.

According to Mary Beth Riner, executive director of the Missouri Nurses Association, the Student Nurse Loan bill is designed to reduce the nursing shortage that has impacted Missouri for more than five years. The loan component was developed to help increase the number of people able to finance a nursing education, while the repayment portion is set to increase the nursing supply in rural, underserved agencies and urban, hard-to-recruit agencies.

"There is more of a demand for nurses than ever before," Shippee said. "There are also many other areas in the field that haven't been open to nurses that are now."

The pending legislation calls for a surcharge to be placed on every nursing license in the state to help pay for the loan.

"If passed, this nursing loan bill would fund about 60-70 student nurses each year," she said. "The best thing is that the student could repay the loan by working in an area with a severe nursing shortage."

However, stiff opposition came from Surface, who said the loan is more of a gift and never will be paid back.

"Rep. Surface wants to make the loan more of a loan than a gift," said Buehner. "The bill states that for each year worked, 25 percent of the loan would be forgiven. After four years you would not owe anything, and that is what he is unhappy about."

The nurses also attended a luncheon at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, with Dr. Barbara Redman, executive director of the American Nurses Association, as the keynote speaker. Five continuing education sessions were offered that morning that included how a bill becomes a law, political action committees, and tips on testifying.



STAFF PHOTO BY JIMMY L. SEXTON

Lobby day

Senior nursing student Treva Myers (center) and 1989 graduate Sandy Williams present a letter to Sen. Dennis Smith (R-Springfield) concerning various nursing proposals pending before the Missouri legislature.

Former biology instructor dies

BY KATY HURN
ASSISTANT WRITER

Dr. Gerald Elick, former associate professor of biology at Missouri Southern, died Monday morning at St. John's Regional Medical Center.

Elick, 54, was diagnosed as having liver disease in early November. He had been in the hospital for the last four weeks.

One of the few on campus with a Ph.D. at the time, Elick joined the Southern faculty in 1969. He retired in 1988 because of health problems.

Dr. Sam Gibson, associate professor of biology, knew Elick for the last 20 years and had worked with him on many projects within the biology department.

Gibson said he remembers his friendliness and love for the outdoors.

"He was definitely in love with biology and the environment," said Gibson. "He was one who was easy to get along with."

The students liked him and related to him well."

Wayne Stebbins, associate professor of biology, joined the faculty in 1969 along with Elick.

"He was a sincere, dedicated individual," said Stebbins. "One thing that always impressed me about him was that he was always wanting to learn new things."

During Elick's illness, many students had been dropping by the biology office to express their concerns and wishes.

Becky Heffren, a former Southern student, studied biology under Elick in the spring of 1975. At the time, she was pursuing a major in secretarial science.

"He called me into his office one day and asked me if I would consider switching majors to biology but I wasn't interested," said Heffren. "But what he said stuck with me."

Heffren returned to school in 1988 and currently is majoring in environmental technology. Now she remembers Elick going the extra mile for his students.

"He was enthusiastic and knowledgeable about his subject," she said. "He really impressed me because I was not biology oriented and I enjoyed the class anyway."



Dr. Gerald Elick

Getting down to business

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OUR EDITORIALS

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A moral stinker

Good intentions cannot account for the moral stinker Missouri Southern has in the Spencer Bartlett Respect Award.

The Bartlett Award, which relies on the subjective judgment of a person's respect for God, the United States, and fellow man, also requires that a student be born in the U.S. It's amazing to see the College hang on to the outdated award, realizing that the arguments for the award occupy unstable and discriminatory ground.

First, administrators point out that many other scholarships and awards contain specific criteria (one even requires an applicant to be Protestant). They say the Bartlett Award is no different. Wrong.

The Bartlett Award is given out, quite prominently, during the honors convocation, and a gold plaque sits high on a wall in Hearn Hall. Furthermore, portraits of the recipients are placed next to the plaque. This sends the message that the award is special and should be set apart from others.

What is most disturbing, perhaps, is the attitude taken by the Faculty Senate. In defeating a proposal asking for a re-evaluation of the criteria for the award, some senators said the College shouldn't cut its own throats by eliminating the award. Senator Bill Kumbler, who voted for the proposal, drew a relevant analogy asking what the College might do if a group such as the Ku Klux Klan were to establish an award that contained specific criteria. Would we keep the money?

The message from the Senate is simple. Don't bite the hand that feeds you, even if the hand feeds you poison.

A needed class

As Black History Month draws to a close, we are reminded of the great works of this century's civil rights heroes.

Just as the celebration ends, however, comes the realization that the study and celebration of black history should not be confined to one month. The College should consider introducing a class on black history to reinforce the notion that the struggles of the black race to attain equality did not all happen in February.

Currently, the College offers a class in women's history, yet nothing in the way of black history. It is commendable that the English department offers a course in black American literature, and a black history course in the department of social sciences would be a perfect complement.

We can stand and shoul about the romantic struggles of such men as Martin Luther King Jr., Malcom X, and Mohandas Gandhi until the cows come home, but until we learn their backgrounds and the history behind their ideologies, we will know little about what they fought for.



Time to realize importance of family

BY KATY HURN
ASSISTANT EDITOR

While growing up, I remember two of my favorite television shows were the *Brady Bunch* and *Eight is Enough*. I don't really know what made them so appealing, but to this day I could still sit down and watch an episode with just as much enjoyment as I did back then.

I suppose the one thing both the Bradys and the Bradfords had in common was their attitude toward family and its importance. Though few things in life are perfect, if I had come up with an example of the perfect American family, those portrayed by the Bradys and the Bradfords are the first to come to mind.

I remember many an episode of the *Brady Bunch* where Papa Brady would lecture to a young Brady after he had strayed. He always seemed to end these sessions with the statement, "Well, son, I hope you've learned a valuable lesson from this." And indeed young Brady had. Slightly idealistic, but something to work toward, perhaps.

Eight is Enough, I think, was a little more realistic. This family of five girls and three boys



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would have been enough to drive one man insane, but Papa Bradford did a pretty good job of holding things together. He was bound to come into conflict with some of his children at least once or twice per episode, but didn't always get it worked out quite as easily as Mike Brady would have. The Bradford family was much more inclined to yell and have cross words, and Papa Bradford spent much time wondering if he had done the right thing.

But the Bradfords had a strong sense of family. Even as tense as situations might have gotten on this show, a viewer always was confident that conflicts would be resolved, and usually they were.

Today, I don't know of any families like the Bradys or the Bradfords. Not to say they don't exist, but there has been some concern that, perhaps, the family is breaking down as an institution altogether. More and more marriages are ending in divorce, and members of families are being forced to go their separate ways.

When I think of some areas that many people believe society needs to improve on, I have always tended to think of education, crime, poverty, and drugs. But lately I have come to think more of the family. Is it possible that by improving in this area, we might reduce some of the negative effects of a

couple of the areas I mentioned above?

Because a family teaches a child the difference between right and wrong and initially instills him or her with values, it would probably be safe to say that we turn out much like the people who raised us. A child who watches family members stealing and selling drugs for a living might very well follow in those footsteps. A child coming from a law-abiding, stable family is much more likely to turn out that way, too.

We can point a million fingers and find a million reasons why we encounter some of the things we do today, such as crime and illegal use of drugs. This was not intended to be my version of "Blame it on the Family."

I do believe, though, that because of its influence upon our lives, the family, or lack thereof, is a contributing factor to bettering or worsening some of these situations. Americans can appeal to their representatives and elect the officials they believe will make the most headway in issues that concern them. And the government can do what it will to improve matters. But who can mend a family?

It is time to realize just how important the family really is and what effect it has on our lives now, or even 10 years from now. It is the family that turns an individual out into society, to help make society what it is. That is a pretty significant role to play, and only those who realize that can try to make a difference.

Preparation for visit involves all units

BY DR. EDWARD F. MERRYMAN
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A colleague in an allied field exclaimed, "I understand that you are crashing into NCATE again!" Though this was said in jest, I felt a strong urge to do physical violence. No, we are not crashing into anything. Our efforts are merely more perceptible the closer we get to our accreditation visit in the fall of 1991.

Preparing for accreditation in teacher education isn't something that is done once every five years. It is a continual process that goes on every day and culminates in the production of an institutional report (IR). The IR merely is a written record of what the teacher education unit has accomplished from the last visit to the impending visit.

Teacher education on the MSSC campus is not the education department. The teacher education program involves all the academic departments on campus with the exception of the school of technology. The education department is the govern-



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ning unit for teacher education. The education department as the governing unit is the locus of control for the program and serves as the administrative unit. Preparation for an accreditation visit involves all of the academic units that share in the preparation of teachers.

Preparation for this accreditation visit has been much more demanding since we have had to meet a number of preconditions before we are ever considered for the accreditation visit. All of the academic units who are involved in the preparation of teachers and who are governed by an NCATE affiliate learned society have had to prepare folios of their programs for submission to the learned society, e.g., National Council Teachers of English, National Council for the Social Studies, etc. for approval. Programs who fail to gain approval with their learned society have to correct weaknesses at once in order to be considered for accreditation.

A lot of work has preceded the work being done on the preconditions. We have had a number of committees that have actively studied the teacher education program and they have been instrumental in bringing about a number of changes. The

ad hoc curriculum committee, which is composed of both professional education faculty and teaching specialty faculty (secondary education) has been instrumental in developing a teacher education program model, in completely overhauling the objectives for teacher education, and in identifying minimal competencies which will be required of all students in the teacher education program.

A number of changes made in the teacher education program has been based on the results of evaluations done on the program by first-, second-, and third-year graduates and by the school community. The early childhood education program has been completely revised as a result of this type of evaluation. In other components of the program courses have been added, modified, and deleted as a result of these evaluations. For example, media as a credit course has been dropped in favor of a competency driven requirement.

Accreditation is a way of verifying the quality of work that has continued from one accreditation visit to another. It is not a "crash-in" or "crash-out" type of process. It is a way of looking at an orderly progression of changes, modifications, and program developments. We are very optimistic about our program. We know that we can pass a fair and unbiased evaluation.

YOUR LETTERS

Please submit "Letters to the Editor" to The Chart office in Hearn Hall 117 by noon Monday for publication in that week's edition. All letters must be typed or printed neatly, and signed. Letters of fewer than 300 words receive priority consideration.

Time to hail 'young journalists'

It was about time. Hail the young journalists who show restraint and discretion in the *Avolon*! The Feb. 15 issue gives us reason to take heart. I should have guessed that the ancient question, "Whom shall we send...?" (Isaiah 6:8) would be answered by the press, and on its own time. They are vigilant even in leisure in order to protect us from the profane world, and I was "ready to be safe."

be ministered to, so to speak. Thanks. Your articles confirm a paraphrased saying: "Play with fire, if you want to get burned."

Some react otherwise and say, why do these reporter authors skate on thin ice, and with the flame turned up? Such reactions illustrate

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Aphorisms are witty, but usually leak like sieves

This regards a letter written to *The Chart* last semester by a student who criticized the diction of Dr. Art Saltzman as being an "outpouring of metaphors" across the printed page (Perspective Column). As the student has confessed, she has never been enrolled in any class taught by Dr. Saltzman. She, likewise, has stated that she is in her early 40s and is a non-traditional student at MSSC. She also subscribes to a motto of her old high school English teacher which states, "Keep it simple, stupid."

I'm quite certain that Polonius (from the play *Hamlet*) held the same view when he said, "Brevity is the soul of wit." Yet Polonius

was a stuttering old fool who never had the patience for silence. According to this student, her high school teacher, and to Polonius, Abraham Lincoln should have been more brief in his *Emancipation Proclamation* by summarizing it succinctly to merely six words: "Read my lips: no more slavery." Aphorisms are clever devices, actually. They are witty, but usually leak sincerity like a sieve. They're often akin to first impressions.

I'm not denouncing this student; yet I do feel that she misinterpreted the message Dr. Saltzman was attempting to convey. When I read Dr. Saltzman's "Perspective," I smiled and silently agreed. I saw nothing objectionable

to his viewpoint or to his use of metaphors. An opinion is just that, an opinion. Yet, from second and third readings of the student's letter, I find that she is totally depleted by a dogmatic tradition which aborts all efforts on being creative—referring to her as stupid, and reminding her to keep it simple.

I admit that I have had two classes under Dr. Saltzman. I also confess that I thoroughly enjoyed both of them. I have learned a great deal from Dr. Saltzman, especially on the matter of being open-minded. I do not need

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Sandrin reflects on sabbatical in Germany

BY DR. JIM SANDRIN
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For the unaware, I spent the fall semester on sabbatical leave in Western Europe, specifically working out of a suburb of Frankfurt named Berkersheim, a small village in central Germany. My focus for the sabbatical was to conduct a research study reflecting educator beliefs concerning readiness for individualization and mastery learning among Department of Defense Dependents Schools (DODDS) personnel. Along the way, I encountered numerous multi-cultural experiences which were interesting if not incredible considering the excitement of what was happening in the Eastern Bloc countries during the summer and fall of 1989.

Some observations on my experiences in Europe are (as I sit here experiencing PMS—Post-Mortem-Sabbatical):

Foreign language is needed

(1) I came away from my sabbatical with one very firm conviction, based also on my 19-month stay in Europe during 1955-56 with the U.S. Armed Forces, and that is a need for our schools (elementary through higher education) to emphasize/require at least a conversational command of a foreign language. An example: while in Budapest, Hungary, a university student related to me that the Hungarians admired and genuinely liked our U.S. ambassador to Hungary, Mark Palmer, because he was fluent in the Hungarian language.

It has been said that the "American Generals" are coming to Hungary—General Motors and General Electric. I wonder what their advance party and subsequent American foreign language proficiency will be in Hungarian, German, or another language. Why do I ask that? Because my experience with Hungarian taxi drivers in Budapest was that none spoke English and I spoke no Magyar or Hungarian. Yet, most spoke German and I a little German, at least enough to get by and be understood.

In the Netherlands, my travels took me to Maastricht, Scheveningen, Amsterdam, and Vollenham (a small fishing village) where most business, education, and restaurant personnel spoke fluent English. Why? Because Dutch schools require students to study English in grades 3 thru 12. And yet, we Americans act as if our command of spoken English will suffice in a world more attuned to an international focus than a national focus.

School year length is myth

(2) Various individuals and groups, including politicians and educators, point to the possibility and even the necessity of extending our school year to 200 or more days. The rationale is usually divided into two categories: (a) school reform; and (b) Germany and Japan do it! Recently, the *Chronicle of Higher Education* printed a story by an American high school teacher of English (stationed in Japan) that a Japanese school year actually was equivalent to an American high school's school year.

My personal observation in relation to German schools at the elementary level was both instructive and astonishing. If one checks Schedule I and Schedule II of a German 10-year-old and a 6-year-old respectively, one arrives at some startling revelations. The Schedule I student (10-year-old) begins school at 8:50 a.m. on Tuesday and has dismissal time of 11:35 a.m. on Monday, Thursday, and Friday. His school day ends at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday. He goes to school on Saturday for two hours of instruction in German.

The Schedule II student is a 6-year-old who is in the "A" group on the schedule and goes to school Monday thru Saturday only when the "A" appears on the schedule. Note the arrival times for the "A" group. The "A" group is dismissed four of the six days at 10:35 a.m. The latest dismissal for her is one day a week at 12:30 p.m.

As in Schedule I, the six-year-old has no afternoon classes. Moreover, these students receive a two-week fall break in October.

One need not travel to Germany to discover the shortness and comprehensiveness of the German elementary school schedule as compared to the American elementary school. Anyone enrolling in a basic introductory class in the German language will discover a print-out of a German schedule in the textbook. But, how many of us take introductory German? In a global world, are we too one language dominated? The answer is yes and, in my judgement, it reflects upon significant decisions and pronouncements including school reform.

Germans air same concerns

(3) While my sabbatical focus was on the Department of Defense Dependents Schools (DODDS), I was privileged to observe several German public schools. While spending some time with a German family, I attended an evening school meeting of German parents and teachers

in Kiel, a northern seaport city. This German parent-teacher meeting was the equivalent of our American PTA meeting. I was impressed with the vast number of parents in attendance. I would estimate a 98 percent turnout! The German teacher of a particular grade meets from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. (no later) with the children's parents and he/she defends, informs, and explains what is occurring within that grade. I came away from that meeting concluding that the Germans have problems and concerns similar, for the most part, to American school problems. What were teacher and parental concerns? They were:

(a) Too much teacher stress caused by budget cuts, overcrowding, and curriculum demands imposed by the ministry of education.

Schedule One: Ten-year-old

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8:00-8:45	German	—	Math	German	German	German
8:50-9:35	Math	German	Science	Math	Math	German
9:50-10:35	Science	Math	German	Religion	Science	—
10:50-11:35	Sports	Religion	Art	Music	Music	—
11:45-12:30	—	Crafts	Sports	—	—	—

(b) Too much teacher stress caused by budget cuts leading to reduction of teachers and aides, overcrowding, and curriculum demands placed upon students. These curriculum demands usually were: "hurry up, we are not covering enough material or subject matter."

(c) Too much homework was a concern voiced by parents. Teacher response was that budget cuts, overcrowding, teacher and aide cutbacks, and curriculum demands forced teachers to assign and demand more study at home. Parents were obviously upset.

(d) As an aside, neither parents nor teachers suggested extending the school day or year.

(e) Field trips were encouraged. Parents and teachers discussed field trips in Denmark with monies generated by the parents. Parental involvement was evident in the German school structure.

At the university level, a 1971 document, *Meet Germany*, a chapter titled "The Universities: Reforms Under way," states:

"Professors and students are agreed that for meaningful information to be transmitted in the modern mass university there must be change in the manner of imparting knowledge, i.e., the method of instruction. What is needed is instruction in small groups, new forms of giving lectures and running seminars, the introduction of programmed learning and audio-visual techniques."

In speaking with several head administrators, they informed me that the lecture method is currently too prevalent.

Schedule Two: Six-year-old

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8:00-8:45	A & B	—	A & B	B	A & B	A
8:50-9:35	A & B	B	A & B	A & B	A & B	A & B
9:50-10:35	A & B	A & B	A & B	A & B	A & B	A & B
10:50-11:35	—	A & B	—	A	—	B
11:45-12:30	—	A	—	—	—	—

Does the above sound familiar in terms of American education? Das kannst du wohl sagen! (Translation: you can say that again!)

East is 'stark' contrast

(4) Traveling through East Germany is both exciting and depressing. Our drive through 103 miles of East Germany to West Berlin (before the wall came down) via private car was enlightening and reinforced my perceptions of the stark contrast between East and West Germany. The shortness (five minutes) of the Russian guard's inspection of passports and flag orders at the border was a good indicator of good Soviet-American relations. In times of strained or poor relations, the waiting time to cross into East Germany could have been one and a half hours and upward.

Contrasts are numerous between East and West Germany. The West German autobahn or superhighway has no speed limits. Inside East Germany, the speed limit is 60 MPH and one has a time limit of two hours to cross through 103 miles. There is no stopping in villages, and certainly no "structured" rest stops in existence. The East German auto, the highly polluting Trabant, is the dominant car in that country. An auto show in East Germany (as the joke goes) consists of one car—the small Trabant whose style has

changed little in 20 years and whose body consists of waste cotton products, sawdust, and plastic. It is hardly a candidate for comparison to the mighty Mercedes or BMW. And certainly it is out of its element on the speedy West German autobahn.

Leaving the freedom and affluence of West Berlin and going through Allied Checkpoint Charlie, through the Berlin Wall, and into East Berlin, one cannot help but feel some intimidation and anxiety. In East Berlin, one compares the excitement of shoppers along fashionable and expensive Kurfürstendamm Strasse in West Berlin to East Berlin's shopping areas such as Unter den Linden Stasse which was a fashionable and expensive shopping avenue prior to WW-II. There were long lines of hopeful shoppers in East Berlin's main department store, The Zentrum, waiting to buy electronic equipment. Most were unsuccessful. Long lines of shoppers are a constant in Eastern Bloc countries.

The Brandenburg Gate is entirely in the East side, and individuals were forbidden to approach it from the East Berlin sector. To really know whether or not you are in East Berlin, one has only to check the victory chariot atop Brandenburg Gate. Formerly it faced West Berlin, but the East Germans have turned it around so now it faces into East Berlin.

Alexanderplatz is East Berlin's main shopping attraction, and it is a modern and shining example of a large city square. But just five or six blocks away are the drab and dreary pre-WW-II buildings which to this day show indications of battles fought during the war.

Germans stress re-cycling

(5) The West Germans are particularly and impressively conservation-minded. In Frankfurt, for example, I noticed that family households had three sturdy, hard plastic garbage cans which were uncrackable, unsharable, and long lasting. One was for old paper, another for old glass, and the third for regular garbage. One immediately receives an impression and correctly so that re-cycling is in the forefront. Contrast that with what we do in some of our American communities.

Public transit is 'top-notch'

(6) The West German public transportation system is outstanding. Be it train, bus, or subway system, it is top-notch, quick, safe, crime-free, efficient, clean, and accessible. Regardless of where one lives, there is available public transportation nearby at a reasonable cost.

It was, without a doubt, an exciting time to be in Europe during the fall of 1989. Certainly not during my lifetime could I, or anyone else, have envisioned the transformations which have occurred.

I keep hearing a German mother of four children responding to my question, "What do the Germans think of the Russians?" Her response was, "They love their children too, don't they?"

Maybe there is hope for the rest of the troubled spots in this world.



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At the wall

James Sandrin stands with his wife in the parking lot of Checkpoint Charlie, the most famous passage through the Berlin Wall. The tightly secured building behind Sandrin is in East Germany.

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how little most readers know of subtleties, cool scoops, and double-entendre. Right guys? So, into the fire, ferret out the truth, thrash about, the empirical method above all, shun sanity if necessary. How else can we expect quality when you go public?

Some readers who don't read well between the lines will misunderstand. Only a few will mind if you skewer yourselves over the pit; they will object if you sputter a lot and splatter them with grease as you turn on. However, I know you sacrifice to provide well thought out, sincere, clear—albeit creative, articles. If those who object really knew Ogre and let the ministry

of music move them, they would like the frenzy and realize why you "loved every minute of it."

So I say, let the boys go. If they get really high on Public Enemy, they can carve another notch in the old handle—what's one more marsupial more or less, anyway? I say that, had guys like you been around in the hard times of the Passenger Pigeon, or the Dusky Sparrow, we Homo Sapiens could have asserted our supremacy decades before. Hurrah for the young journalists!

Dr. V.L. Peterson

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to defend Dr. Saltzman. I do, however, defend his message and his ideas—to the same extent that I'm trying to weigh the value of this student's rebuttal. This is not to say that she is wrong, but that she's never attempted to open the living room

window for fresh air. This, by the way, is not a meandering metaphor—for I wish to keep things simple.

Randy Scott

CAB calls lock-in 'uplifting'

BY CHRIS COX
STAFF WRITER

Last weekend Missouri Southern held a 12-hour anti-apartheid lock-in which was deemed successful by coordinators.

Traye Rhodes, executive chairperson of special events for the Campus Activities Board, said there were many reasons why the lock-in was held.

Because of the recent changes in South Africa, specifically the release of Nelson Mandela, Rhodes believed the event took on a special meaning.

"We have to lessen racism, or we won't have any type of future," said Rhodes. "Economically, it might destroy the world."

The lock-in started at 7 p.m. Friday and ran until approximately 7:30 a.m. Saturday. Some 50 students took part.

Music played included works by such artists as Public Enemy and U2.

The Coke machine in the Lions' Den was covered with an "anti-Coke" symbol suggesting that people boycott Coca-Cola, which conducts business in South Africa. Gina Miller, president of Southern's Amnesty International chapter, passed around a petition thanking F.W. de Klerk, President of South Africa, for freeing Mandela.

When the music stopped, Southern's own Black Collegians sang religious songs about love and peace. Keith "Beef" Brown, president of the group, believes it is "about time" that international freedom occurs. "People are finally waking up and smelling the coffee," said Brown. "People aren't going to take it anymore."

After the singing, *Mississippi Burning*, a movie about southern racism in the 1960s, was shown. David Swenson, executive chairman of movies for the CAB, then lectured about the importance of unity and equality. *Betrayed*, a movie about racism in the United States today, was shown next.

After the movie, Gandhi's "Seven Blunders of the World" were read and discussed.

When the group finished its discussion, everyone took a "mental" break. People either danced or talked with each other for more than an hour.

The last movie presented was *Cry Freedom*, which dealt exclusively with apartheid in South Africa.

To conclude the lock-in, those attending discussed their ideas and views about apartheid.

"The whole evening was very uplifting as well as informative," said Rhodes.



In perfect harmony

Daryle Posey, Stanley Johnson, Laura Preston, Charlotte Herren, Misty Hudson, Stacey Thomas, and Maria Curry sing "That's Love." The group started off the anti-apartheid lock-in, last Friday night, with songs containing messages of love and peace.

STAFF PHOTO BY MARK ANCELL

Southern joins VITA to help filers with forms

Joplin Public Library hosts program for locals, students

BY DIANE VAN DERA
CAMPUS EDITOR

Trying to help the community as well as gain practical experience, Missouri Southern's National Association of Accountants chapter is conducting a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program at the Joplin Public Library.

According to Dr. James Shaver, professor of business, VITA is a nationwide program which seeks volunteer help to assist three groups of people—the elderly, the disabled, and those in the lower-income bracket—fill out their tax returns.

"There are a lot of people in any community who are afraid to work on their tax forms, or don't have a friend who is willing, or money enough to pay someone to do them for them," said Shaver. "This is a really nice public service our students are performing."

The service is free. The volunteers will fill out the 1040, 1040A, and the 1040EZ forms, as well as the state tax forms.

"Once we finish with you," Shaver said, "you're done for the year."

Only the basic tax forms are completed because the volunteers are not certified accountants or paid professionals. If there is any problem or complication, the filer is referred to a professional.

The volunteers are available from 9 a.m. to noon each Saturday. The program began Feb. 3 and ends April 14.

The chapter is working with the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). RSVP conducted the program in previous years, and this is the first year that Southern has participated.

During the first weekend at the library, the volunteers helped approximately 18 people fill out their forms, and last Saturday 29 filers received assistance. Shaver estimates that by the end of the program

they will have helped 300-350 people.

Filers should bring a copy of the previous year's tax form if possible and all tax documents. Said Shaver, "If you think we can use it, bring it." A student will then fill out the form, and another volunteer will check it for errors.

The program started at Southern because of Shaver, who conducted a similar assistance group at Southwest Missouri State University. When he came to Southern last summer, he expressed an interest in setting up a VITA program in Joplin. Upon learning that the RSVP ran one, he suggested they "join forces."

For a student to volunteer for VITA, four criteria must be met. The student must be an accounting major, have completed the credit accounting course in Federal Income Taxation, complete the 20-hour training course taught by Shaver, and pass a four-hour take-home test dealing with form completion.

Each student receives one hour of credit for the volunteer program. However,

Shaver says the students volunteer for the "public experience."

"The students go through about 32 hours of training before they can participate, and they only receive one hour of credit," Shaver said. "That is about three times more time spent than in a normal classroom for the same credit."

"These students have never done any actual accounting work; they just have what they read out of books. This gives them the chance to ask questions and be asked."

Each of the volunteers are required to work four sessions, but some students have volunteered for more than four shifts.

Shaver said one of the volunteers told him how different it was to actually work with the people in a one-on-one basis.

"It isn't like a test. She had to really know. The person sitting there expected her to know what she was doing, and she did. So it's an interesting, unique experience for them."

Upcoming Events

Today Feb. 22	Interviews Wal-Mart Distribution Sign up Room 207 BSC	Interviews Day Care Center Sign up Room 207 BSC	Chess Club Noon Room 325 Reynolds Hall	Art League 12:15 p.m. Room 305 Spiva Art Center
Tomorrow Feb. 23		Free Coffee Sponsored by Social Sciences Club 8 a.m.-Noon Room 111 Mansion		Play Auditions 'Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy' 3:30 p.m. Taylor Performing Arts Center
Saturday Feb. 24	Indoor Track at University of Arkansas All-Comers Meet TBA	Baseball at Central State Oklahoma 1 p.m.	Lady Lions Basketball vs. Missouri Western 5:30 p.m.	Lions Basketball vs. Missouri Western 7:30 p.m.
Monday Feb. 26	Workshop 'Minding Your Manners' Noon-12:50 p.m. Room 306 BSC	CAB Presentation 'Regency' 7 p.m. Matthews Auditorium	Lions Basketball at Washburn University 7:30 p.m.	CAB Movie 'Pet Semetary' 7 p.m. & 9:30 p.m. Lions' Den
Tuesday Feb. 27	Newman Club Noon Room 311 BSC	Ecumenical Campus Ministries Noon Room 313 BSC	Baseball at Oklahoma State 1 p.m.	
Wednesday Feb. 28	Wellness Seminar 12:10 p.m. Room 314 BSC	Baseball at University of Kansas 2 p.m.	Student Senate 5:30 p.m. Room 310 BSC	Lions Basketball at Central Missouri 7:30 p.m.

Students research, debate in Model United Nations

BY DIANE VAN DERA
CAMPUS EDITOR

For the sixth consecutive year, Missouri Southern is participating in the Midwest Model United Nations, which started yesterday in St. Louis.

The Model United Nations is a national program in which students from participating colleges and universities study and debate issues of international importance.

"It's an attempt to get students to learn a little more about international politics by role playing in one of the most important agencies of international politics," said Dr. Paul Teverow, assistant professor of history at Southern.

For two years, the College has offered a special course on a temporary basis to prepare students for the MMUN. The course is offered during the mid-fall

to be discussed at the conference. These resolutions are looked over by representatives of the U.N., and the best-prepared resolutions are chosen for debate in the correct committee. The chosen resolutions will be presented in an information packet to the delegates.

Teverow says lobbying is a major part of the debate process.

"What you can do is find other delegations whose resolutions are close to your own and confer with them, maybe sway them to your viewpoint," he said.

The delegation's arguments are then strengthened and more of the vote can be won.

Students have been preparing for this conference since October, and Teverow said some participants had already started research. The topics for this year's conference were made available at the end of

"We appreciate those students who just help us research and don't go to the conference."

—Dr. Paul Teverow, assistant professor of history

semester for two credit-hours, and those who enroll are not required to participate in the MMUN.

"Many students just take the course for credit. We appreciate those students who just help us research and don't go to the conference," Teverow said. "Their work is just as important as those who actually participate in the debates."

The students are required to research the economic, governmental, and diplomatic aspects of the country they are representing and put forward the viewpoint they believe their country would hold on a particular topic. The students must then write resolutions on the topics

last year's sessions so there was "ample" time for research.

"We worked pretty intensively through last semester," said Teverow. "This semester we've worked more on debating techniques and a little more current information on our countries. As I understand it, that's pretty typical of how most delegations prepare."

The countries are chosen by random drawing of colleges and universities which stated an interest in representing certain countries. Southern's delegation chose Belgium and Bulgaria. Teverow said students were "lucky" to get their choice on the first draw.



STAFF PHOTO BY NICK COBLE

To give recital Senior music education major Becky Dugan takes a break from rehearsing selections for her voice recital. The recital is scheduled for 2 p.m., March 4 in the Taylor Performing Arts Center.

Dugan to give recital

Music major concentrates on vocal music

BY GWEN MAPLES
STAFF WRITER

As a musician, Becky Dugan finds her voice to be the most important instrument.

Dugan, a senior music education major, is enrolled in 24 hours this semester in order to graduate in May. She then hopes to teach music while earning her master's degree in music therapy.

Even though she has been playing the piano since she was five and the violin since the second grade, vocal music is where Dugan's interest lies.

"I've always been interested in singing," she said. "I first started singing in the church choir when I was young, and later on I sang in junior high."

Opera, despite its difficulty, is one of Dugan's favorite types of music.

"Although opera requires a lot of physical work to produce a certain sound and a certain tone, I really enjoy it," she said.

Dugan has been inspired by many different people throughout the years.

"I have learned something from all my teachers," she said. "The faculty at Southern has been very enthusiastic and knowledgeable."

"I have especially been inspired by Mr. [Bill] Elliott, an associate professor in music."

Dugan, who graduated from the former Parkwood High School in Joplin, attended Southern for a year and a half. She then took a five-year break before returning to the College.

"I chose Southern because the tuition was less expensive and it was close to home," said Dugan.

She enjoys spending time with her seven-year-old daughter, singing in the church choir, accompanying the children's choir at church, and doing aerobics.

Dugan will perform her senior recital at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 4 in Taylor Auditorium. She will sing 11 songs.

Warsaw 'thrills' audience

BY ANGIE STEVENSON
ARTS EDITOR

More than 2,000 music patrons gathered in the Taylor Performing Arts Center last week to witness a rare performance of the Warsaw Philharmonic Orchestra.

Cynthia Schwab, president of Pro Musica, the organization which brought the symphony to Joplin, was pleased with not only the response to the concert by the public, but also the performance itself.

"I think it was lovely," she said. "It's wonderful to see and hear 100 musicians in such depth and volume."

Schwab said the feedback from those in attendance has been favorable.

"I've received several calls about the performance. People were thrilled and said they enjoyed it, and of course that's what I was hoping for the most."

While many of the guests enjoyed the concert, some found problems with the programming.

The performance of Rachmaninoff's "Piano Concerto No. 2" by pianist Zoltan Kocsis occurred just before intermission. Following the intermission was "Symphony No. 4" by Brahms.

According to Dr. Charles Thelen, associate professor of music, although the performance of both selections was "excellent," it would have been better if the piano concerto had been the finale.

"They play very well, but for this audience they should have reversed the order," he said. "The Rachmaninoff piece just thrilled their socks off."

According to Thelen, the audience was so excited at times that it clapped between movements. He said patrons were unaware of concert etiquette and suggested the inclusion of an explanatory statement in the program for the next concert.

He said although it was performed very

well, the Brahms selection was too "heavy" to be the finale.

Dr. Betty Israel, director of the assessment center at Southern, also said the order should have been reversed.

"The orchestra was excellent," she said, "but I think they should have ended with Rachmaninoff. It was definitely my favorite part of the concert."

Both Thelen and Israel have attended performances by other orchestras, including the St. Louis Symphony. They said the Warsaw Philharmonic Orchestra compared very well.

"Both are wonderful," said Israel. "The St. Louis Symphony is a bit more expressive. But they are all very talented."

"I found the Warsaw Philharmonic to be a highly professional group," said Thelen. "I compare them almost equally to the St. Louis Symphony. Since they are European, they had a different style."

"I rank St. Louis higher, but not better. The Warsaw Philharmonic was definitely better than the Kansas City Symphony."

Schwab said the response to this concert has merited another Pro Musica presentation next year. She has already talked with the St. Louis Symphony, which performed on campus in 1988.

Lotta Sjunnesson, a junior economics and finance major, said this was the first classical concert she has attended.

"I wasn't quite sure what to expect," said Sjunnesson. "It was great. I would never buy a record or tape of classical music, but to see and hear it in concert was awesome."

John Heigle, a freshman psychology major, said that he also had his first symphony experience.

"I enjoyed it a lot," said Heigle, who attended the Valentine's Day concert with his girlfriend. "I never really thought I'd like it because I never listen to classical music."

Southern debaters take fourth in tourney

Delaney says team should be 'strongest' entry in UMSL tournament

BY HEATHER ALLEN
STAFF WRITER

With spring approaching, Missouri Southern debaters are becoming increasingly active.

The team traveled to Springfield last weekend for the Spring Warm Up and Random Craziness Forensics Tournament at Southwest Missouri State University. There were 23 colleges and universities in attendance, including the University of Houston, the University of Illinois, and Notre Dame.

According to Dave Delaney, debate coach, his team was not intimidated by the larger schools. Southern finished fourth in the tournament.

"It's interesting to note that we did so well without any individuals winning solo honors," said Delaney. "The debate teams and individual events people all contributed to the overall sweepstakes points. It is a great example of working together to achieve success."

The overall winner of the sweepstakes award was the University of Alabama-Birmingham. Second place went to Western Kentucky, with Southern Illinois University coming in third.

Senior Diane Hampton went to the finals with her prose interpretation of the narrative story *The Lorax* by Dr. Seuss.

Sophomore Julie Pasmore reached the finals in the persuasion competition. She spoke of the American garbage crisis and ways to reduce the solid waste stream.

"I really believe this is an important environmental issue because it's an issue that affects us here and now," said Pasmore. "It's not something that we can't control. We can play a role in reducing our solid waste stream as consumers and in our households everyday."

Senior Kevin Babbitt also advanced to the finals in the poetry division. Delaney said Babbitt is talented and works well with the team.

"I think he's a welcome addition to the team, and he strengthens our individual

debate people," Delaney said.

The team also has been devoting time to the community. It recently helped judge area high school debate tournaments.

The debaters who took part in this event said it gave them a "very rewarding experience."

"Judging at high school tournaments not only gives me a view to what a judge looks for in a speech, but also serves as a community service to the area schools because it's difficult for them to find judges," said sophomore Scott Ryan.

Southern will participate in the Missouri Association of Forensics Activities tournament at the University of Missouri-St. Louis this weekend. This tournament will consist of 11 Missouri colleges.

Delaney said Southern has a "very rich" team and is looking forward to this particular tournament.

"I hate to make any big forecasts about this tournament," he said. "Southwest Baptist is strong at individual events, but I feel we're the strongest debate team."

Concert to feature Rhythm Kings

BY KEVIN MCCLINTOCK
STAFF WRITER

In five days, a singing and dancing trio known as the Manhattan Rhythm Kings will perform on campus.

Known for their "exciting, impeccable performances of America's best popular music," the Kings concentrate on tunes derived from the "forgotten" eras of the 1920s, 30s, and 40s: three-part harmonies in the manner of the Mills Brothers and the Paul Whiteman's Rhythm Boys.

Though each member can stir a crowd by playing a variety of musical instruments, it usually is the group's combined tap dance numbers that bring down the house.

Jack Newton, publicity chairman of the Joplin Community Concert Association, expresses excitement for the upcoming concert and assures that it will appeal to people of all ages. He urges Southern students to attend.

"The Manhattan Rhythm Kings is a very well-known group who has performed on PBS and appeared on many star-studded shows," said Newton. "Though I haven't seen them in live concert, I've witnessed their performance on television and they're very good. I think it will be a very enjoyable evening."

According to Newton, Southern students may attend the concert free of charge upon presentation of their I.D. cards.

The Joplin Community Concert Asso-

ciation is a non-profit organization formed in 1955 to present music to the area.

It was their singing and dancing talent that attracted the attention of Broadway star Tommy Tune to the Manhattan Rhythm Kings. Tune previously directed and choreographed such productions as "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas" and "My One and Only."

In 1984 they came together, constructing an act based on songs written by Fred Astaire. Since that time, the Kings have entertained people at such prestigious places as Carnegie Hall, Radio City Music Hall, and Atlantic City's Trump Plaza, and have made guest appearances with several major symphony orchestras.

They have visited France, Italy, and the Soviet Union and received standing ovations in Moscow, Tbilisi, and Leningrad. George Burns, Dom DeLuise, Judy Collins, and Helen Reddy have appeared with the Kings, and their dancing partners include Gregory Hines, Cheta Rivera, and the Rockettes.

Their television credits include the Emmy Award-winning "Celebrating Gershwin," "As the World Turns," "Today," "Entertainment Tonight," and the "Pat Sajak Show."

The concert is set for 8 p.m. Tuesday in the Taylor Performing Arts Center. It is the fourth in a series of five concerts slated for this season. The fifth concert is scheduled for April 26, during the International Piano Competition at Southern.

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Educator Many people remember M.W. Dial, an educator who was the first black man elected to the City Council.

Citizens recall M.W. Dial

BY CARINE PETERSON
EDITORIAL PAGE EDITOR

In observation of Black History Month, individuals such as M.W. Dial are remembered for their accomplishments. After receiving encouragement from his white and black friends, Dial decided to run for the Joplin City Council in 1954. He became Joplin's first black councilman, defeating 25 other candidates to serve a four-year term.

According to the April 7, 1954, issue of the *Joplin Globe*, "Dial's election to the council had been predicted by several observers and the size of the vote he garnered indicated that he got not only a sizable Negro vote, but also a large number of votes cast by white persons."

Jim West, a current member of the City Council, thinks Dial won the position because he was an educator, a black person, and the community needed someone to represent the black community.

"The city was going through a new form of government," said West. "Everyone wanted representation."

West remembers Dial as "one of the most kindest, gentlest, understanding men" he has ever known.

"He was a man that people looked up to. I know I sure do."

Dial and his wife, Rozina, moved to Joplin in 1932. He previously served as a principal in Weir, Kan., for four years. According to Rozina, "He just wanted to get into a larger city."

A year later, Dial was named principal of Lincoln School in Joplin. He held the position until his retirement in 1968. He

introduced programs such as athletics and science to the school.

"There were some students that he recognized as being intelligent," said Rozina, also a former substitute teacher at Lincoln. "He wanted them to study hard by promoting enthusiasm."

Thelma Meeks, a former Lincoln student and teacher, says the school's success was brought about by Dial's contributions. "Mr. Dial was young, energetic, knowledgeable, and tireless," she said.

Meeks said teachers at Lincoln had new books and other instruments to teach with. This was not true in southeast Missouri, where she remembers one school which had a single book to use.

According to Meeks, Dial also was good at organization and inspiring people. "He worked well with the community," she said.

Racial problems were not a concern to Dial, according to his wife.

"You think if you had a Negro on the council things would be better," she said. "Well, I don't think that was the case. He was working for everybody."

Dial was an active member and trustee of the Unity Missionary Baptist Church. Assisting at George Washington Carver Monument as a ranger and serving as Boy Scout master were some of the other activities Dial was involved in.

Dial received his master's degree from Pittsburg State University. He also conducted graduate work at the University of Colorado.

Dial died in 1972, leaving his wife to continue his works at the church.

Postage rates could rise

Local postmaster says hike is needed due to increasing costs

BY JOHN FORD
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Postal rates may soon be on the rise if a requested increase is approved by the Postal Rate Commission.

The commission is contemplating raising the postal rates from the current level of 25 cents for a first-class letter to 30 cents. According to Carl Weaver, acting postmaster for the Joplin Main Post Office, the increase is needed.

"The post office has expenses just like any other business," he said. "In order to maintain the service at its current level of operation, I would think that a rate increase is necessary."

Weaver said the rate increase, if approved by the commission, would not go into effect until February 1991 at the earliest.

The process of increasing the postal rates is rather lengthy. The request, once made to the the commission by the United States postmaster general, must be looked at by the commission, which is staffed by representatives of the postal service, Congress, and the private business sector.

Then the request, if it passes this scrutiny, must be submitted in the postal board of governors.

"It takes from 10 months to about a year to approve a postal rate increase," Weaver said.

Rates in the United States compare favorably to those of other countries, said Weaver. For example, in Canada, which

has tried privatization of its postal service, it currently costs 32 cents to mail a letter. Italy ranks the highest with a first-class rate of 51 cents.

Weaver said the service would not increase nor improve due to the rate hike.

"I don't believe service will increase that much in the Joplin/southwest Missouri area," he said. "But I think the service we have now is considerably better than we had two years ago."

History of First-Class Letter Rates

1885-1917	2¢
1917-1919 (war years)	3¢
1919	2¢
July 6, 1932	3¢
August 1, 1958	4¢
January 7, 1963	5¢
January 7, 1968	6¢
May 16, 1971	8¢
March 2, 1974	10¢
December 31, 1975	13¢
May 29, 1978	15¢
March 22, 1981	18¢
November 1, 1981	20¢
February 17, 1985	22¢
April 3, 1988	25¢

Source: United States Postal Service

"Right now, we have better productivity—there's less people doing the same jobs now than there were two years ago. The service has definitely improved. I'm curious to see just how much."

Some of the improvements, according to Weaver, have been made in the processing of first-class mail once it reaches the Joplin post office.

Part of the ways we have improved the service during the last two years has been the establishment of an earlier cut-off time for sorting first-class mail," he said. "We can have the mail sorted and ready for the carrier at an earlier time on a daily basis. Plus, our times for getting the mail into the post office boxes have gotten more consistent."

According to Weaver, another way the postal service has improved is in the establishment of two new contract stations.

"The contract stations allow people to buy stamps and mail packages where it is convenient for them to do so," said Weaver. "We have two new places to purchase postage—Consumers and Heers."

In addition, the service has established a postal service council which provides rate information to businesses.

"Seventy years ago, there were about 40 people who attended council meetings," Weaver said. "Now, there's about 100 people who attend the annual meetings. We have brought in some good, qualified, trained people to assist people in preparing their mail better so it will go through faster."

Gilpin becomes general manager

BY JOHN FORD
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Formerly vice president of the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce, Suzanne Gilpin has been promoted to general manager.

Gilpin replaces Blake Schreck, who served as executive vice president of the Chamber since 1987. Her position of general manager was created after Schreck left to take a similar post in Kansas.

"Basically, this was his position," said Gilpin. "The Chamber did a little bit of reorganization—the titles changed—but it is essentially the same position that Blake had."

Gilpin has many responsibilities, including serving on various committees.

"My main responsibility is dealing with the community development divisions within the Chamber," she said. "Basically, I'm responsible for the Chamber's staff. My job is to make sure that goals and objectives are met."

Some of the committees in which Gilpin serves include community development, governmental relations, the airport committee, Fall Fiesta, and the Main Street Joplin program.

"The Main Street Joplin program is in its infancy right now," said Gilpin. "It's not just for the downtown area. The committee looks at not just the downtown area, but the entire business district on Main, although downtown is an important part of that."

"On this committee, we look at ways to revitalize the business district. We look at the prospects for historical preservation, economic development, promotion, marketing the area—really, there is a wide variety of aspects we have to consider."

Industrial development is another important aspect of Gilpin's job. Two new industrial developments have just occurred in Joplin which she calls "exciting."

"There are exciting things on the horizon in Joplin," she said. "Joplin is looked at by other communities as an example,

as someone to follow in the field of industrial development. We have a lot of teamwork. The Chamber is working really hard along side members of the private business community to develop a sound economic base."

"But I don't think that we should only think of the city when talking about industrial development. We need to think regionally, because what's good for the region is good for Joplin."

Gilpin, a 1972 graduate of Missouri Southern with a degree in English education, joined the Chamber in 1983 as assistant manager and newsletter editor. She was promoted to vice president two years ago.

"In college, I had no idea that I would be involved in Chamber Commerce work," she said.

After joining the Chamber, Gilpin enrolled in the Institute for Organizational Management, a six-year management intensive course offered by Southern Methodist University.



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Commission will study higher education

New panel will focus on current, future needs

BY JIMMY L. SEXTON
MANAGING EDITOR

A 20-member commission of business and legislative leaders has been established to conduct a comprehensive study of Missouri's higher education system.

The Missouri Business and Education Partnership Commission was created in 1989 after legislative efforts to enact a tax increase to aid higher education failed. The study will include:

- An overview of the state's higher education institutions with an analysis of their present degree programs and how these programs are placed in relation to population centers, student needs, and the extent of demand to which these programs are being met.

- Examination of the system for its current and future needs.

- Proposals to clarify the purpose and goals of the higher education institutions, and will consider efforts to increase the number of Missouri students pursuing and completing graduate and professional

studies.

- To make recommendations concerning appropriate governance and financing.

Commission members consist of five state senators, appointed by the Senate president pro tem, and five members of the House, appointed by the speaker of the House. In addition, the Senate president pro tem, the speaker of the House, and the Governor each appoint three people from business and industry who represent science, technology, and small business interests. The Governor appoints the remaining member of the commission to represent the administrative branch of government.

"The Governor, the speaker, and I met many times and fought long and hard before asking this group to come in," James Mathewson (D-Sedalia), Senate president pro tem, told the group at its first meeting. "It is important that you know that the leadership is for you and what you're about."

Though Mathewson has pledged 100 percent support for the commission's recommendations, Gov. John Ashcroft has

publicly questioned the need for such an effort, but remains supportive of the group's mission.

"As you begin to develop a plan of action to chart a course, I want to assure you of my strong commitment to work with you," said Ashcroft.

The Governor told the panel there are five areas of achievement and structure he would like to address before considering how much money higher education needs.

Ashcroft's suggested areas of consideration include the kind of education Missourians will need for jobs in the coming century, whether Missourians can afford and get the education they need, how higher education should be governed, the quality of existing higher education programs and ways to measure the quality of them, and whether those programs serve the people needing higher education.

"Requests for additional revenue before important policy issues are resolved are likely to fail and damage higher education's credibility," Ashcroft said. "Missouri cannot afford to support 'academic inflation,' that is, the desire for endless program expansion that sometimes seems a hallmark of public higher education."

After hearing from Mathewson and Ashcroft, the panel elected Sam Cook, chairman of Central Bank in Jefferson City and a member of the University of Missouri Board of Curators, to spearhead the commission.

Cook told panel members they should be wary of anyone seeking to protect any certain state college or university, and warned that they should avoid falling prey to party or local interests.

"What's best for higher education does not involve in any way being a lobbyist for the Board of Curators of the University of Missouri," said Cook. "We must be prepared to withstand intense lobbying from some very single-minded constituencies."

Cook also urged the panel not to simply request more money for higher education, saying that during its initial meetings.

The commission is slated to give its initial report by Dec. 31, 1990, and will continue to serve until May 12, 1993. The General Assembly will then examine the report and recommendations of the commission and will adopt a plan for governing and financing the state's higher education institutions.

Capitol Briefs

Carthage senator to have operation

► Sen. Richard Webster (R-Carthage) will undergo double bypass heart surgery Wednesday at Boone Hospital Center in Columbia.

Webster, 67, underwent tests last week and was told by his doctors that he could postpone the surgery, but he wanted to go ahead with it as soon as possible. He has suffered from a heart problem for the last 19 years.

"By having the operation at this particular time, I will be able to be back in time for final action on the major legislation at the end of the session" on May 18, he said.

The veteran senator will check into the hospital Tuesday, have the operation the following day, then spend the next 10 days hospitalized. He is scheduled to rest at his Carthage home for three weeks.

Lawmakers debate another helmet law

► According to Rep. Larry Thomason (D-Kennett), motorcyclists over age 21 should have the option of choosing to wear a helmet when they ride.

"The point is the state is dictating something," he said. "You have to have maturity to choose this."

Thomason is sponsoring a bill to change Missouri's motorcycle helmet law which now requires all cyclists to wear a helmet. Opponents say it is a bad idea, and similar legislation has been proposed in the past but never passed.

"Of the motorcyclists involved in 1988 traffic crashes that were wearing motorcycle helmets, 31 percent were either killed or received a major disabling injury," said Dale Findlay, executive director of the Missouri Safety Council. "Of those who were not wearing a helmet, 47 percent were either killed or received a major disabling injury."

Thomason says anyone "with half an ounce of intelligence" would want to wear a helmet when riding a motorcycle.

Applications available for state bicycle tour

► A seven-day tour across the state, known as Cycle Across Missouri Parks 1990, will highlight several state parks and historic sites. It will begin June 17 at the first state capitol historic site in St. Charles and conclude June 23 at West Bend State Park, northwest of Kansas City.

Registration fee for the tour is \$120. The tour is limited to 300 riders. For more information, interested persons may contact the Missouri Department of Natural Resources at 1-800-334-6946.

Times Beach hears clean-up controversy

► As agreements for the clean-up of Times Beach near completion, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources is asking certain parties involved in the Times Beach litigation to voluntarily waive part of a confidentiality agreement that prohibits everyone involved to publicly discuss the details of the clean-up.

"I can see no positive benefits of this confidentiality agreement," said Tracy Mehan, director of the department. "The major outline of the clean-up as discussed in the Record of Decision at Times Beach has received major media attention and is known by all."

The Environmental Protection Agency is planning to build a large incinerator at Times Beach to burn the soil that was contaminated in the early 1980s. The soil became contaminated when the unpaved streets were sprayed by dioxinated oil to keep the dust down. It has remained as a boarded-up ghost town for the last seven years.

Lifetime inmates could be paroled

Bill would allow 'model' inmates to seek parole hearing after 25 years

BY JIMMY L. SEXTON
MANAGING EDITOR

As Missouri's prisons continue to fill at a faster rate than they are discharging, corrections officials are considering measures to help alleviate the problem.

One such proposal being considered by the General Assembly is a bill introduced by Sen. Danny Staples (D-Eminence) that would set up a parole plan for those inmates incarcerated for life with no hope for release.

"The executive clemency bill only allows those inmates who have been there 25 calendar years, haven't caused

any problems, and are model prisoners to be allowed to be reviewed by the office of probation and parole," Staples said. "That report will then be given to the Governor. By a mutual decision between the Governor and the probation and parole office, they can be paroled."

"However, this doesn't apply to any prisoner who has used drugs or is incarcerated, or any prisoner who has any violations against him."

Staples said he is sponsoring the legislation because 13,000 men and women are incarcerated in the state's prison system, costing from \$12,000 to \$14,000 per inmate per year for housing. He said Missouri's prisons are filling at

approximately 100 inmates per month more than are being discharged.

"Until we get a handle on the drug war, until we can stop the drug traffic, not only in the state of Missouri, but in the United States as well, our corrections process is going to continue to do that."

Missouri now has 262 prisoners, including 22 women, serving sentences of life with no parole, or life with no parole for 50 years.

"We now have a large group of inmates incarcerated who have no hope of ever being released," said Dick Moore, director of the state's department of corrections and human resources. "That creates problems for the institution and

danger to the other inmates and the staff."

Corrections officials report that it is difficult for guards to control inmates because they have no reason to behave since they may never have to face a parole hearing. Adversely, inmates who can have their sentences shortened must stay out of trouble and show efforts of rehabilitation.

Opposition to Staples' bill is mounting in the form of prosecutors, who say it is unfair to change the rules after the sentences have been handed down.

"The sentence then doesn't mean what it says," said Michael Reardon, Clay County prosecuting attorney.

In some cases, Reardon said he will agree to waive the death penalty when he thinks a jury will convict the person and sentence him or her to life without parole.

"I think we'd see more prosecutors going for the death penalty," he said.

Concerns also abound about the cost of housing an aging prison population, with predictions that in years to come several very old inmates will be housed in Missouri's prison system.

According to Michele Coleman, of the Missouri Coalition for Alternatives to Imprisonment, the cost of keeping an aging prison population healthy could dramatically increase Missouri's prison budget.

"In 20 years, most prisons are going to be geriatric prisons," said Coleman. "I'm very concerned about those people serving hopeless sentences, and this bill could help alleviate those problems."

"This is a real hard thing to get support for and to get passed, but it would also give those inmates hope and possibly the chance to apply for a parole hearing."

"I'm not trying to turn out killers," said Staples. "What I'm doing is giving those people going in there now some kind of incentive to think that if they behave themselves for 25 years, there's the possibility they could get clemency."

"The older a person gets, the more subtle they are and the calmer they become. There's not as many violent crimes by 50-year-olds as there are by people 18-30 years old. When you've done 25 calendar years in a maximum security institution, you start to look at the world with a different viewpoint."



STAFF PHOTO BY JIMMY L. SEXTON

Incarcerated

These women inmates, currently housed at Renz Correctional Center in Jefferson City, are serving life without parole sentences and would be able to request a parole hearing if they remain out of trouble and show signs of reforming, according to a recent bill proposal. The proposed legislation is one measure tabbed to help curb the overcrowding in the Missouri prison system.

Jasper County will become first-class county in 1991

BY JIMMY L. SEXTON
MANAGING EDITOR

With few marked changes, except those in county government, Jasper County will become a first-class county in 1991.

"The reason we're being able to make the move from second-class to a first-class county is because we have maintained over \$450 million in assessed property valuations for a period of five consecutive years," said Rep. Mark Elliott (R-Webb City). "And when that happens to a county, they qualify to become a first-class county by statute. The statutes do not make it optional for us to become a first-class county."

Elliott is uncertain whether Jasper County's first-class status could be used to gain funding for a Missouri Southern multi-purpose arena through the "stadium bill" passed by the General Assembly last year. Southwest Missouri State University, located in a first-class county, is attempting to gain funding for a civic center/arena through the legislation.

"We're trying to see if there is any way we can tie in our first-class status with getting some money for a multi-purpose

sports complex for Missouri Southern," he said. "But I'm really not in a position to discuss that right now. We're going to wait and see what happens in Springfield's stadium plans."

According to Elliott, the change in classification will allow Jasper County to establish branch banking. Second-class counties do not enjoy the advantage of having bank facilities across the county, and Elliott believes more banks in the county will focus on expanding to different locations instead of concentrating on one area in the county.

The maximum tax levy also will change in the county. Under the statutes for a second-class county, the maximum tax levy is 50 cents, while in first-class counties the statutes call for 35 cents.

"Most of the differences between a second-class and a first-class county are very subtle," Elliott said. "The biggest difference you would see is changing from a third-class to a second-class county."

"I think our change has its good points, but there are probably going to be some drawbacks in becoming a first-class county. It does open up a lot of different things for businesses in the county."

Elliott said he is concerned about the

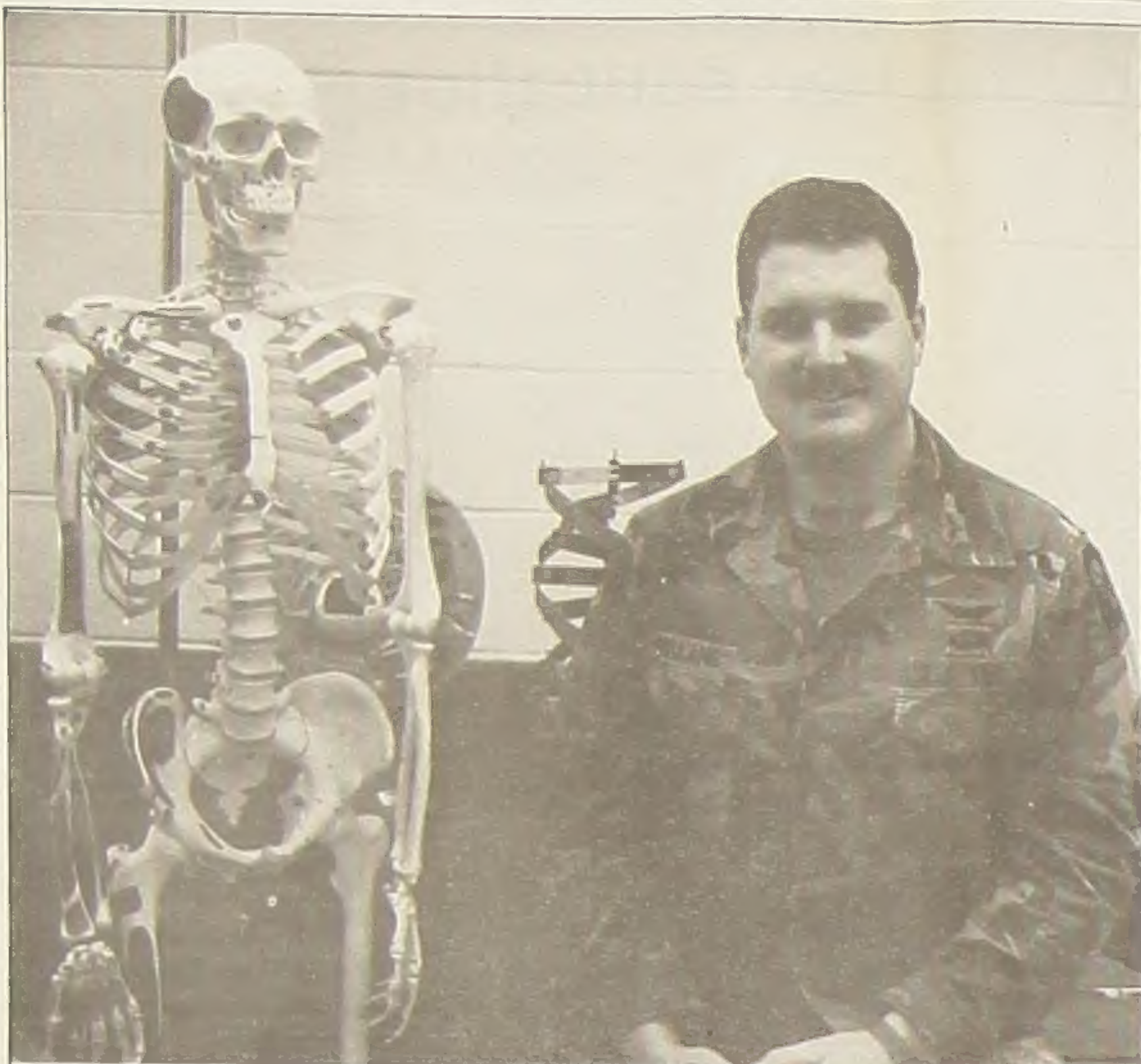
misconception county residents have concerning county-wide planning and zoning. Under first-class county statutes, planning and zoning must be voted on by the people before implementation.

"Planning and zoning is the biggest misconception I've heard about us becoming a first-class county," he said. "Out in the rural areas there is a conception that county-wide planning and zoning is automatic when the county becomes first class. But it is not true. It still has to be taken by a vote of the people."

"The county commission itself cannot do anything toward setting up a planning and zoning commission. It has to be done by election, and the people have to vote on that."

When Jasper County becomes first-class, the county coroner will serve out his term, and a county medical examiner will be appointed, thereby eliminating the position of coroner. First-class county statutes also call for the county examiner to be a physician.

Additional changes include the county auditor becoming the chief budget officer, the county commission being allowed to hire a purchasing agent, and the prosecuting attorney becoming the interim



Who's who? Captain Robert Hellams will leave Missouri Southern to pursue a medical degree in South Carolina.

Hellams to pursue his long-term goal

BY RICK BRANDON
CHART REPORTER

This summer Missouri Southern will bid farewell to Captain Robert M. Hellams.

Hellams, an instructor in the military science department for four years, will be going to the University of South Carolina to work on a medical degree. This has been a long-term dream for him.

"I never thought I'd have a chance to pursue it," he said. "But once I was assigned here, I was given the opportunity to take some classes."

"In my spare time over the past four years I've taken about 70 hours. I've taken all of the necessary biology, chemistry, math, and physics prerequisites for entrance into medical school."

Hellams, who already has a bachelor's degree in history, was offered jobs teaching ROTC at several other colleges but chose Southern because he had never lived in Missouri before.

Acceptance into medical school has brought him a sense of accomplishment. However, he does feel somewhat challenged.

"I know it's not going to be easy," he said. "I'm a little bit older than the average medical student. But I'm really looking forward to it. Some of the things that make me different than the average medical student will be to my advantage."

"Overall, I'm a little more dedicated to what I'm doing. I'm a little more dedicated to spending my time studying. I think that's how the admission committee for the school looked at my application."

"I've found out that I'm a lot more serious about my studies. I know how to study, and I realize what's important and what isn't. It's easier to prioritize my time. And it's reflected in my academic record

here compared to my academic record as an undergraduate."

Hellams has been both instructor and student here. He believes a small-school atmosphere such as the one at Southern has helped him.

"The professors here care a little more about you. They know who you are. If you get into trouble, then by and large they'll look out for your interests. They will give you a little extra help and encouragement."

During his military career, Hellams has been all over the country and also to Panama, Puerto Rico, and Saudi Arabia. He has been a pilot, serving with the 82nd Airborne Division, and a paratrooper.

"It was very stressful," he said, "because you didn't always know where you were going to be. Sometimes you were called up in the middle of the night to go somewhere. But it was very rewarding and very satisfying."

A special award Hellams has received during his time in the military was a commendation for bringing a damaged helicopter down and minimizing any further damage to the aircraft. He and the other person in the aircraft escaped without injury.

His personal philosophy comes from a poem by Robert Frost. "There were two roads that converged in a forest. I took the path less traveled and it has made all the difference."

Said Hellams, "Take the path that isn't the easiest one, the one that makes you work harder for what you want. And I think you'll enjoy life a little bit more."

Hellams has enjoyed being an instructor and a student here. He will leave in July and take his wife, an elementary school teacher, and his daughter, a junior at Joplin High School, with him.



STAFF PHOTO BY CHRIS COX

Helping hand Sharon Brumley, a financial aid coordinator, began her duties at the College in August of last year.

Personal attention attracts Brumley

Financial aid coordinator says College is 'service-oriented institution'

BY SUZANNE LEJEUNE
CHART REPORTER

Anyone walking into 114 Hearnes likely will see Sharon Brumley answering a question.

Brumley, financial aid coordinator, was led to Missouri Southern by a newspaper ad. She began her duties in August 1989.

One of her goals in working with students is to "always do the best job I can and always be fair in awarding financial aid."

"I don't think people think about going into financial aid, they just fall there."

Brumley says she enjoys working with a large cross-section of people. She works closely with the counseling center to determine the best means for someone to obtain a college degree.

"The whole student services area at Missouri Southern is just so student-

oriented," Brumley said.

She encourages students to take the time to talk with financial aid counselors about any questions or problems they may have.

"Our doors as counselors are always open."

Brumley likes the idea of Southern being small enough to offer personal service to its students.

"At Missouri Southern in the financial aid department you find people who follow the ideas of the administration."

Brumley earned her bachelor of science degree in psychology with an emphasis in social work from the University of Tulsa. She then worked four years in that field before moving to the East where she worked in various types of financial aid.

By working her way through college, Brumley found it difficult to get the "whole, college experience."

"I take pride in the fact that I did work my way through school and I did get my degree at a private university, which is much higher cost."

"But I'm not sure I would recommend [going through college] the way I did to anyone," she said.

While stressing that a job and school are important, one should not let "relationships with your family...other people fall by the wayside."

Brumley said her first impression of Southern when she arrived last summer was the "beautiful grounds." Being from Oklahoma, she found it difficult to believe that even during the summer the grounds-keepers could make the campus look so "striking."

Brumley described Southern as a "service-oriented institution that cares about its students."

Huston wishes to remain in Joplin

BY PHYLLIS TALLEY
CHART REPORTER

Traveling does not appeal to Susan Huston any more as she is content to remain in Joplin.

Huston, technical services librarian at Missouri Southern since July 1989, has traveled extensively in her life. In addition to the Philippines and Japan, she has lived in several areas of the United States.

"I had been through this area before, but never lived here," she said. "It is a friendly place with nice people."

Huston came to Southern from Southwest Texas State University, where she worked as catalog management librarian for four years.

"My job here at Southern is much more satisfactory than my last one," she said. "The librarians here are treated like real faculty. We are educated and are treated that way."

Added Huston, "We have a fine library for undergraduates."

She is quite impressed with the students here, saying they seem determined to work hard at their jobs and in classes.

"The students are very concerned about getting their education. This is different from the last school I worked."

After receiving a bachelor of arts degree in French from Oberlin (Ohio) College, Huston worked in Washington, D.C. at the Library of Congress for a year as preliminary cataloger. One of her memorable experiences there was when the Kennedys sent over a book truck of Bibles that had been left at the White House by the Eisenhowers. These Bibles were written in all languages, some unheard of, and it was Huston's job to sort and catalog them.

"Washington, D.C. is a wonderful place to live and work," she said. "It is especially wonderful for young people out of college." She said it was an exciting year of her life.

Huston got married and returned to graduate school at Western Michigan University, where she earned a master's degree in medieval studies. With a background in languages, philosophy, literature, and history, Huston taught western civilization there for seven years. She especially loves ancient history.

Huston then continued her education and received another master of arts degree in library science at the same university. That degree "brought" Huston to this area.

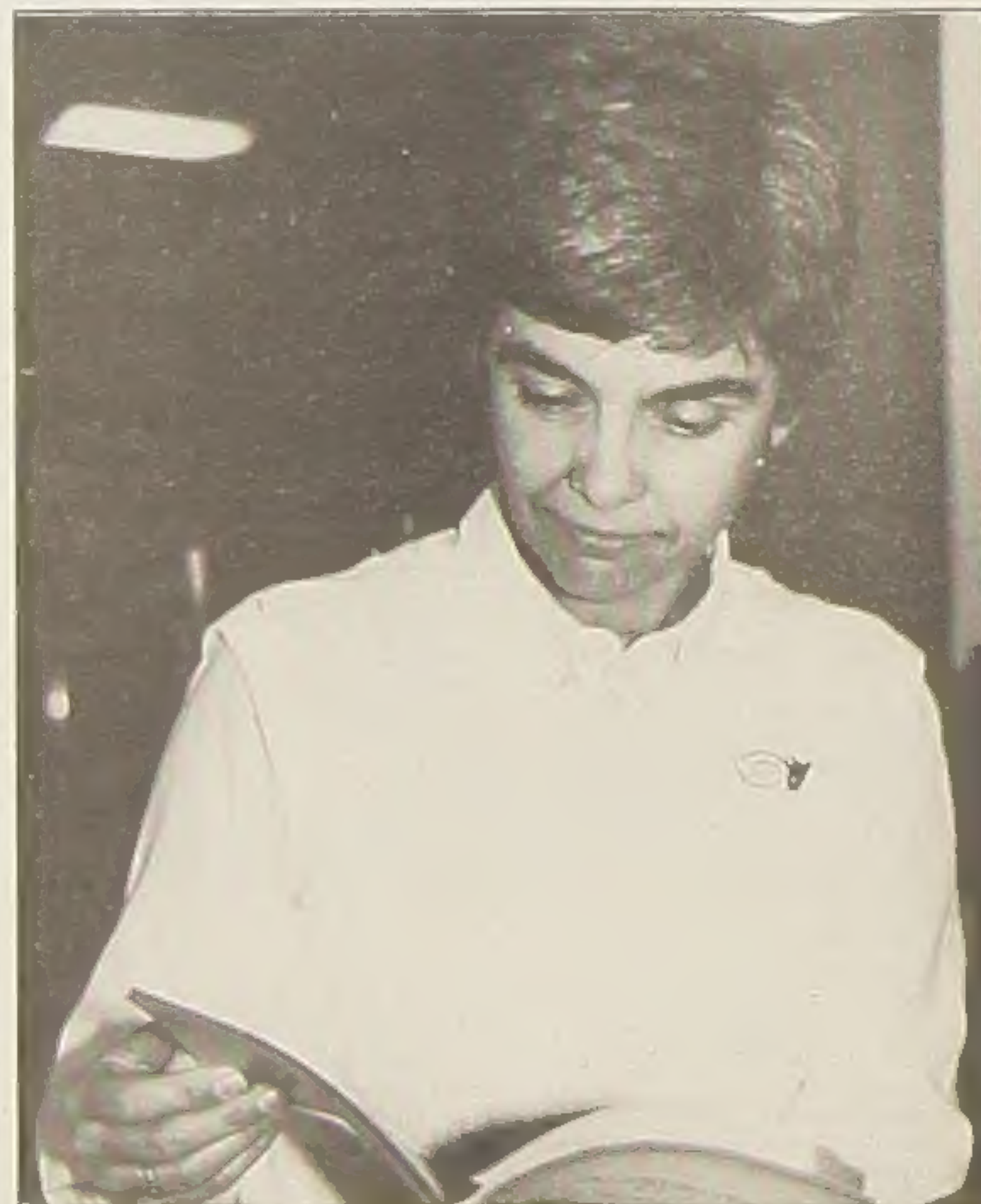
When she and her husband, Michael, a labor arbitrator, moved to Joplin, they were "lucky" to find an apartment near the College. Huston frequently walks to work.

Although she has no children, Huston has a "spoiled" cat named Xaviera. She cannot decide whether the cat was named for the saint or for the prostitute. She calls the cat "Xavi" for short.

Reading is Huston's main interest. Because it has always been important to her, she has "naturally become a good speller." She said, "On a scale of one to 10, I would be considered a 10 for my spelling ability."

Huston enjoys baking breads and desserts. She also enjoys playing hand bells in the bell choir at the First Presbyterian Church in Joplin.

"I am very comfortable and happy here," she said. "Joplin is home."



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Weary traveler

Susan Huston, a technical services librarian, said she would prefer to stop traveling and remain in Joplin.



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Rugby Club to open season Saturday

Game may be first ever played in Joplin

BY MARK ETTER
STAFF WRITER

The first rugby game ever played in Joplin is scheduled for Saturday as the Missouri Southern Rugby Club hosts "non-union" opponent Oklahoma State University at 1:30 p.m.

The game will be played on the field adjacent to the tennis courts.

"As far as I know, rugby has never been played in Joplin," said Mike Hellams, player and coach. "We have three home games so far. Springfield may want to come here, but nothing is definite."

Preparation for the inaugural season started in the fall when the squad partici-

cipated in a series of exhibition games.

"With only two people on the team that had played rugby before, the interest was there but we lacked the players," said Hellams. "The Student Senate really helped us out by allocating the money for insurance and uniforms. With insurance, we are now officially entered in a conference. We're in the running for a union championship."

The union (conference) has no NCAA affiliation and is made up of college teams as well as teams from area towns. Pittsburg State University, Central Missouri State University, Northeast Missouri State University, Southwest Missouri State University, Kansas State, Kansas University, and the University of Missouri complete the list of teams in Southern's union.

In addition, non-union games against the University of Arkansas and Oral Roberts University might make Southern's

schedule appear insurmountable.

However, in rugby the strategies are basic.

"There is no trick to winning at rugby," Hellams said. "You have to be in good enough shape to run around for 80 minutes."

The contest is separated into two 40-minute halves with a 10-minute half-time.

Play action stops only when the ball goes out of bounds or after a penalty has been called.

Players are not afforded the luxury of pads or protective clothing, even though body contact is constant throughout the game.

"You have to take a lick and dish out a lick," said Hellams. "It seems violent, but there is no fighting. Sometimes it's referred to as elegant violence. No tempers flare during the game, and when it's over

you usually go out to eat with the other team."

Other members of the 1990 rugby team include assistant coach Steve Gray, Paul Adair, Rob Bowmar, John Cochran, Mike Cummings, Shane Deines, Steve Fattig, Ron Fauss, Walter Figueroa, Daniel Gates, Mike Hackney, Dave Hall, John Johnson, Brad Pence, Scott Pritchard, Rich Puckett, Clay Turner, Joel Vanderploeg, Kris Wilcox, Josh Zusiak.

Although Hellams said interest and support of rugby has increased steadily since being introduced at the College, the program will not be made a varsity sport, at least for now.

"We don't want to give the athletic department another headache," he said. "It is probably easier for us to take care of ourselves for the time being."

Southern falls to SBU

Lions maintain fifth-place playoff standing

BY MARK ETTER
STAFF WRITER

Outscored by 11 points in the second half, the basketball Lions dropped an 85-65 decision to Southwest Baptist University last night in Young Gymnasium.

The Lions, attempting to avenge a 17-point loss to the Bearcats on Feb. 3, dropped to 11-12 overall and 7-6 in the MIAA. The victory allowed SBU, ranked No. 7 in NCAA Division II, to keep pace for the top seed in the league tournament. The Bearcats are now 22-2 overall and 11-2 in the MIAA.

"We missed some close-in shots and some front ends in one-and-ones," said Robert Corn, head coach. "You must play close to perfection to beat a team like them. Southwest Baptist is worthy of their No. 7 ranking."

Senior Reggie Mahone led the Lions with 12 points, while seniors Brad Jackson and Mike Rader added 11 points each.

"In the first half, we stayed with them," said Rader. "We didn't pound the ball inside in the second half. They came out with better intensity."

Despite the loss, Southern remains in good position for a post-season berth. Lincoln University's upset of Northwest Missouri and Pittsburg State's overtime loss to the University of Missouri-St. Louis have kept the Lions in fifth place in the

playoff standings.

"We are very fortunate in that aspect," Corn said. "We're two games up with three to go."

Saturday, the Lions will host Missouri Western in the final home game of the season. It also marks the last home game for the six seniors on Southern's squad.

"It's all on the line for the seniors," said Rader. "I'm going to play my guts out. I'll be pumped up, but we should always play that way."

Said Corn, "I expect the seniors will be upbeat and ready to play. You always want to go out on a winning note."

"We must be concerned with Western," he added. "They are small, quick, and a good passing team."

On Wednesday the Lions will be in Warrensburg for a game with Central Missouri State, 23-2 overall and ranked ninth in NCAA Division II.

On Saturday, March 3, Southern will travel to Topeka to meet Washburn University, 16-10 on the season.

"Seems like we've been on the road all year," said Corn. "If we keep alert mentally, the physical part will take care of itself. With one week to go in the season, if you're not in shape, you're not going to get there."

The MIAA post-season tournament begins Tuesday, March 6, at campus sites yet to be determined.



STAFF PHOTO BY MARK ANCELL

Fight for position

Senior Mike Rader (No. 32) fights Drury College's Marcelo Zamagni (No. 41) for inside position Monday night in Southern's 88-53 loss in Springfield.

Learning continues for track

BY ROD SHETLER
STAFF WRITER

Seeking a chance for continued improvement, the track team participated in the Pittsburg State Invitational Sunday.

"There were probably close to 15 schools there," said Tom Rutledge, track and cross country coach. "They ranged from Southwestern Kansas, to Abilene Christian, to Emporia State. There were just a lot of schools there."

Freshman shot-putter Jay Pride placed for the Lions with a throw of 45 feet and nine inches, an improvement of 17 inches over his first throw of 44-4 at the Central Missouri State University meet.

"Jay is probably more consistent than anybody else right now," said Rutledge. "Coming out of high school throwing a 12-pound shot, then making adjustments for a 16-pound one, is very difficult. He has done very well."

"Learning how to run and attack indoors is why we are participating with these freshmen," said Rutledge. "Next year's freshmen group that comes in will hear from these kids. Really, you don't know a lot until you get the experience."

Freshman Scott Wynn shaved a 10th of a second off his best 60-meter time at PSU, finishing with a 6.7.

Freshman Trace Maxwell cut .4 off his best 300-meter time, finishing with a time of 34 seconds. Maxwell also had his best long jump of the season, leaping 20-8.

"He's really come along," said Rutledge.

Southern's next competition is Sunday, again in Pittsburg. The Lions begin their outdoor track season March 24.

Playoffs out of reach for Lady Lions

BY ANASTASIA UMLAND
SPORTS EDITOR

As their hopes for competing in post-season play came to a halt, the Lady Lions were squeezed out by Southwest Baptist 68-65 last night in Young Gymnasium.

"We were not ready to play in the first half," said Janet Gabriel, head coach. "I don't understand why, but we were just not ready to play."

The Lady Lions trailed the Bearcats by three to eight points the entire game. Junior Terri Haynes led Southern with 14 points, and juniors Caryn Schumaker and Stephanie Burgess added 12 points each.

Raye Pond, assistant coach, said the 9-17 Lady Lions lacked intensity. She said if all five starters had played as a team, the outcome could have been different.

"That has been our problem all season," she said. "Sometimes we all show up, and sometimes we don't. If we all would have been ready and played as a team, we

would have won."

According to Gabriel, last night's loss was hard to understand because of the Lady Lions' performance Saturday against the University of Missouri-St. Louis. Southern defeated UMSL 89-73, and Gabriel was sure it was the start of a win-

Gabriel said the UMSL coach was quoted in an earlier article as saying, "We are a 90-point better team," thus motivating the Lady Lions.

Although post-season play is out of reach, the Lady Lions will wrap up their season Saturday at home against Missouri

"UMSL is not a very classy team. They got really pushy and began swearing a lot. We kept our cool, and it paid off."

—Janet Gabriel, women's head basketball coach

ning streak to end the season.

"We played so well last Saturday; I don't understand why we weren't ready to play Southwest Baptist," she said.

In the win over UMSL, senior Susie Walton scored 32 points, a career high.

Western at 5:30 p.m. Gabriel said the Lady Griffons are "big competition."

"Southern and Western have always been big rivals for some reason," Gabriel said.

Baseball team begins season with losses

BY ROD SHETLER
STAFF WRITER

A college baseball team could easily find two less talented teams than the University of Arkansas and Oklahoma State University to start the season.

The Lions started their season the hard way.

The team traveled to Fayetteville Friday to take on the Arkansas Razorbacks. On the strength of a four-run second inning and a three-run eighth, the hosts handed the Lions a 12-6 loss.

"We played pretty well," said Mike Stebbins, senior pitcher. "We hit the ball better than I expected."

Southern had 13 hits, including a home run by first baseman Danny Rogers. Outfielders Tony Tichy and Robert Fisher had two hits apiece for the Lions.

On Sunday Southern journeyed to Stillwater, Okla., to take on Oklahoma State. After last year's 23-1 drubbing of the Lions, OSU may have taken Southern

lightly. The Cowboys never will again.

Each team scored once in the first three innings before the Cowboys' bats came alive with six runs in the fourth.

"I started out all right for three innings, and in the fourth they exploded like we knew they could," said Ken Grundt, who started against the Cowboys. "The runs just started piling up."

Grundt allowed six runs on seven hits in three innings of work. With the bases loaded and no outs, the Lions called on relief pitcher Dennis Burns to get them out of the jam. Burns let two runs score, but got out the inning, giving the Lions a chance to come back.

"I wasn't too nervous," Burns said. "Coming on in relief I had to rush to get loose, so I really didn't have time to get nervous. I concentrated real hard and pretended it was just another team. I had good command of my change-up."

After transferring from a junior college and sitting out last season, Burns was glad for the opportunity to play for the Lions this year.

"It was my debut," he said. "I was just anxious to prove that I could pitch here."

Trailing 7-1, the Lions came back by scoring two in the fifth, once in the sixth, and three in the eighth to tie. The game went into extra innings.

"We really fought when we got down 7-1," said Tichy, who had two hits and three RBIs. "The pitchers did a great job holding them down so we could get back into it. It was a team effort."

The Cowboys scored in the bottom of the 10th to win the game 8-7. Chuck Pittman took the loss for the Lions.

Taking a nationally ranked NCAA Division I school into extra innings was a "moral victory" for the Lions.

"This team has shown something different from teams in the past," said Tichy. "In past years if we would have gotten down 7-1 we would have given up. This team has some fighters on it."

On Saturday, the Lions will travel to Edmond, Okla., to face Central State University of Oklahoma in a doubleheader beginning at 1 p.m.

My Opinion



Injuries play major role in 9-17 season

What's wrong with the Lady Lions? I have heard that asked frequently around campus. Whenever a team endures a losing season, that question usually is the first to pop up.

The 1989-90 women's basketball team is in the midst of fateful season, no doubt. But many factors contribute to the Lady Lions' 9-17 record.

Injuries and tragedies have plagued the team for most of the season. This may seem like a rather lame excuse to outsiders, but the consequences have seriously affected the team.

"This season is not the season we should be having," said Janet Gabriel, head coach.

This statement stems from the fact that four of the five starters have been affected with injuries. This has resulted in Gabriel giving freshmen more playing time than she would like.

At the beginning of the season, junior Sandy Soeken fainted during practice and hit her head, causing her to miss the first few games. Then she suffered a back injury that limited her playing time even further. That left a big hole at forward.

Junior guard Cheryl Williams sustained serious knee injuries early in the season that ended her basketball career. Gabriel said she can fill Williams' spot in the starting line-up, but not with a player of her caliber.

Sophomore Diane Hoch was injured before the season began. Gabriel and Hoch thought the injury was minor—perhaps a sprain. However, it turned out to be a broken bone chip which would require major surgery. Thus, Hoch was out for the season, leaving another hole to be filled.

Senior forward Susie Walton, a first-team all-conference selection last year, was expected to carry a large part of the scoring load this season. But she was injured in pre-season practice and had to have her legs casted for two weeks. After the casts came off, Walton had a big surprise. She had a serious case of shin splints that should have taken her out for the season.

Gabriel said Walton made up her mind to play her senior year, despite intense pain in every game. Her injury did not limit her scoring ability, as she is Southern's leading scorer this season.

Gabriel has told me, after many of the 17 losses this season, that her team lacked the intensity needed to win more games. In many of the games I attended this season, Southern would play a flat first half and then try to "put it all back together in the second half." Sometimes this would work, as with the nine games they won. But unfortunately, this technique did not work often enough to be the saving point of the season.

I do not want in hand the Lady Lions a bad review. I honestly believe the injuries played a large part in their losing season. Whether it be injuries or personal tragedies, I think this year's squad had a rough season. But fortunately for Gabriel, she will only lose one starting player for next season, and the freshmen she played this year, after seeing so much action, will be more prepared for the 1990-91 season.

The Lady Lions have one last chance to "save face" Saturday night at home against Missouri Western. I hope for the sake of the team they are able to pull it out. It might make living a little easier for the women if they could win their final game.

The memories of the fans are sometimes pretty short. But they sure do remember the losses longer than the wins. If the Lady Lions win the last game, maybe people will forget the tough season they suffered.

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